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-TWO BLUE VORTEX-

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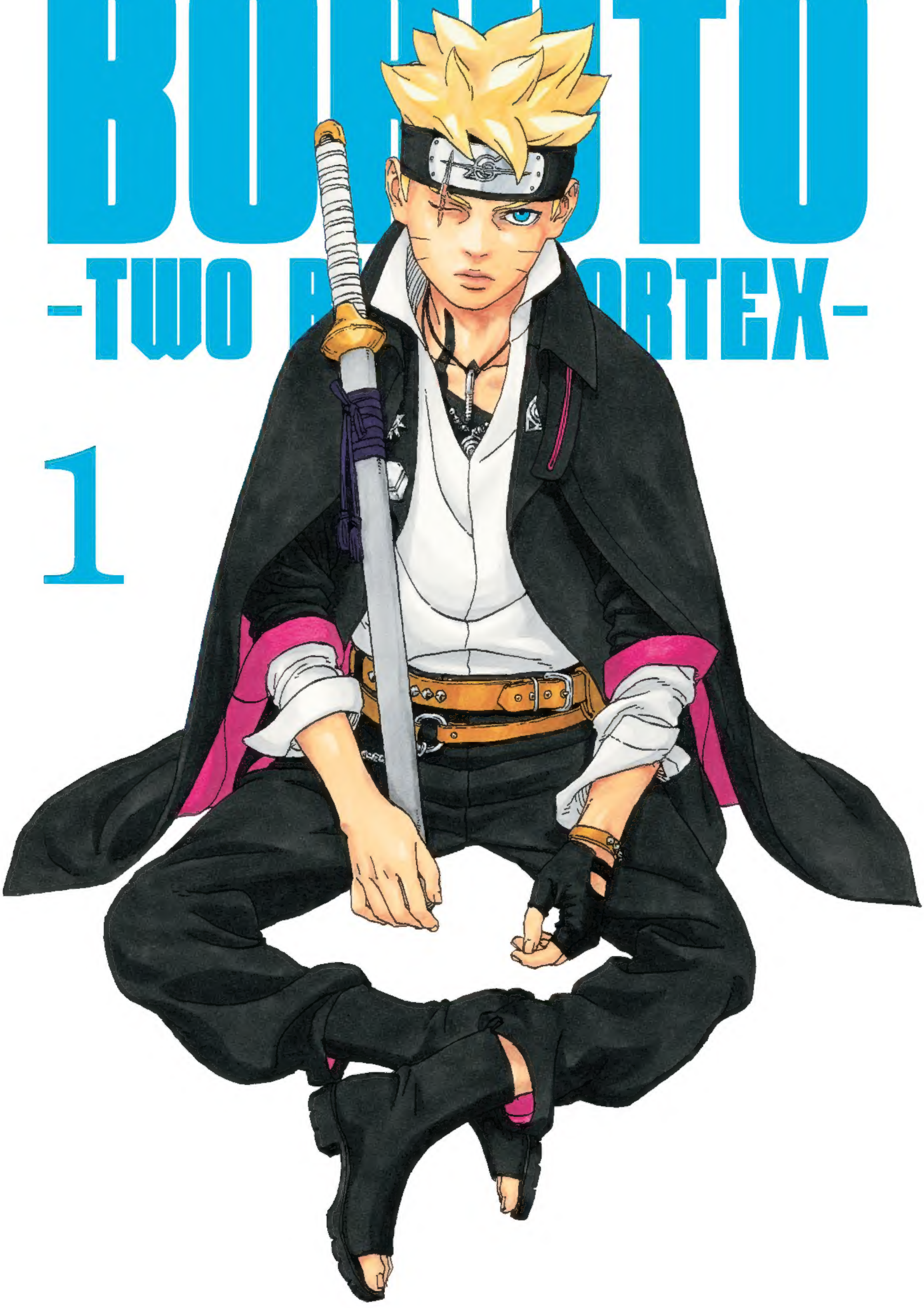

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This tale has finally embarked on its young adult arc. The subtitle has also shifted to *Two Blue Vortex*, and we're beginning with a new volume 1.

Apologies to those of you who picked it up and said, "Oh, look, a volume 1. Wait… Hey, it's some sort of sequel?!"

The story is a continuation of *Naruto Next Generations*, aka the childhood arc, so those unfamiliar with it are welcome to go back and read that first. Or you could also not concern yourself with that and just enjoy this one while imagining what took place before. In fact, there's a huge possibility that once you start reading this series, you'll be more interested in what happens next rather than in the past.

—Mikio Ikemoto, 2024

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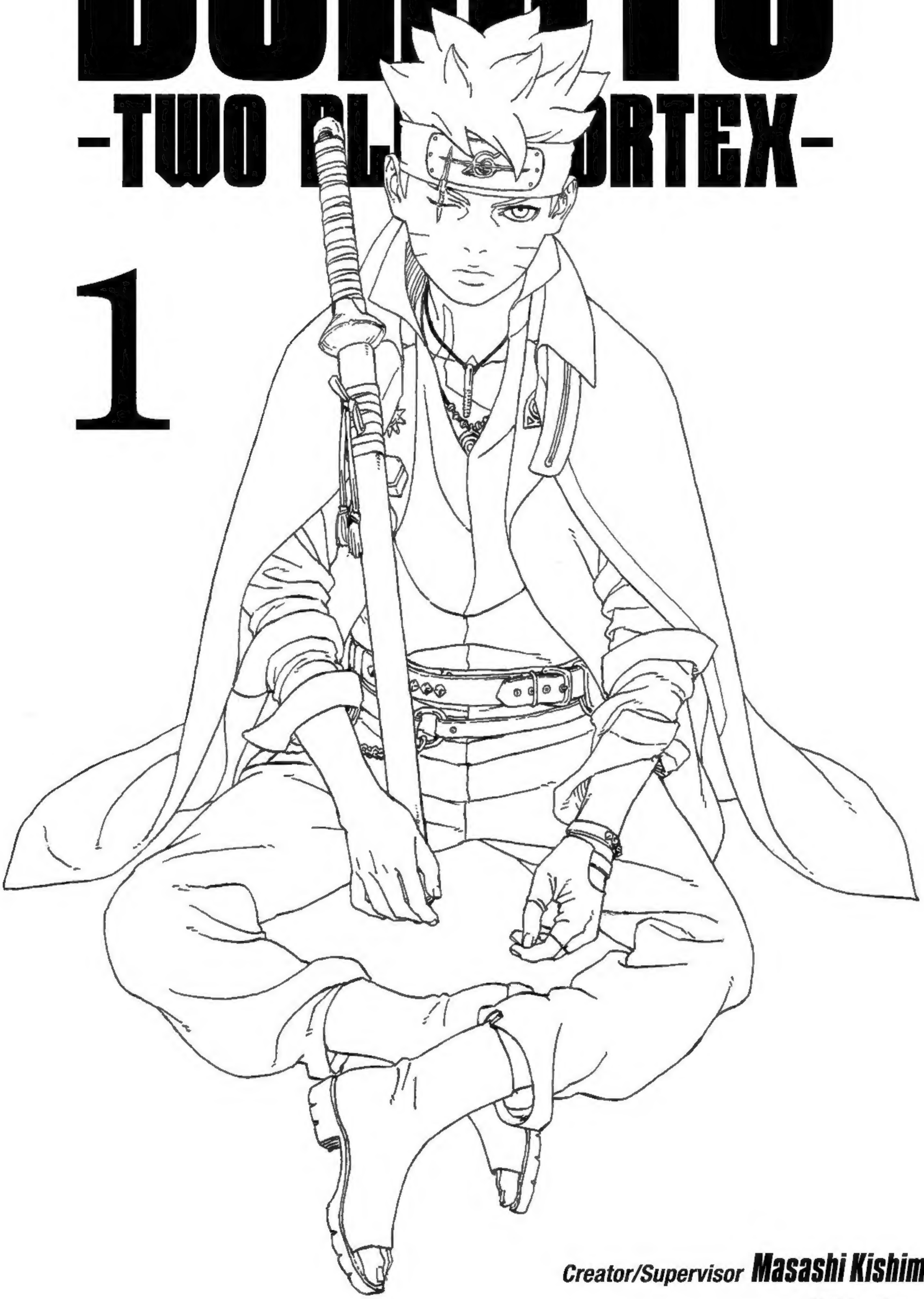

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BORUTO -TWO BLUE VORTEX- CHARACTERS

UZUMAKI NARUTO

UCHIHA SASUKE

NARA SHIKAMARU

AMADO

KAWAKI

OHTSUTSUKI MOMOSHIKI

UZUMAKI BORUTO

EIDA

DAEMON

CODE

UCHIHA SARADA

KAKEI SUMIRE

MITSUKI

NARA SHIKADAI

UZUMAKI HIMAWARI

The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. But Ohtsutsuki Clan members attack and leave a mysterious mark, the Karma, on Seventh Hokage Naruto's son, Boruto… After that incident, Boruto unexpectedly runs into Kawaki, who also bears a Karma. Under Naruto's protection, Kawaki starts to deeply respect Naruto and consider Boruto his brother. Then, during their battle against Code, who has inherited the Ohtsutsuki Will, Kawaki deals Boruto a fatal blow in order to stop Boruto's Ohtsutsuki-fication.

Boruto escapes death thanks to Momoshiki's power, but Kawaki seals Naruto and Hinata away and goes after Boruto once more. In addition, the power of Eida's Omnipotence causes Boruto and Kawaki to switch positions. Everyone's perception is that Kawaki is Naruto's son and Boruto an outsider. Boruto, who has now become a fugitive, goes into hiding along with Sasuke…

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火影

KLAK

1: Boruto

WHY DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?!

I'VE EX-PLAINED IT TO YOU OVER AND OVER!!

REMEM-BER, HE'S A TRAITOR...

...WHO KILLED THE HOKAGE, AND TRIED TO KILL HIS SON, KAWAKI, TOO.

HE CANNOT GO UN-PUNISHED.

RIGHT BACK AT YOU, SARADA.

WE GAVE HIM MANY CHANCES.

HE CROSSED THE LINE FIRST.

WHY'D HE RUN IF HE'S NOT GUILTY?

WE ALSO HAVE EIDA'S SENRIGAN EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY.

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, YOUR ENTIRE PREMISE IS WRONG!

PLEASE RESCIND THE ORDER...

...AND HEAR HIM OUT!

IF SOMEONE ORDERED YOUR DEATH, WOULDN'T YOU RUN TOO?!

AT LEAST GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO TELL HIS SIDE OF THINGS!

BORUTO WOULD NEVER KILL LORD SEVENTH!

MANY OF THOSE LIVING HERE...

...ARE STILL ANGRY ABOUT HIS BETRAYAL.

SO EVEN IF I LIFT MY ORDER, PEOPLE WILL STAY UNCON-VINCED.

LISTEN, SARADA...

...THE SANCTION AGAINST BORUTO ISN'T JUST IN LINE WITH KONOHA LAWS...

...IT'S THE ***WILL*** OF OUR PEOPLE.

NOW GET BACK TO YOUR MISSION.

...WE WILL SPEAK OF THIS.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME...

...

YOU BLOCK-HEAD!!

AT THIS RATE, FORGET HOKAGE...

...YOU'LL NEVER BE MORE THAN GENIN.

SARADA.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

HEY, SARADA!

THIS IS LORD EIGHTH YOU'RE MOUTHING OFF AT!

ENOUGH, KONOHA-MARU.

CUZ MY DAD'S A TRAITOR TOO?

JUST LIKE BORUTO?

...

...

I'M TALKING SOLELY...

...ABOUT ***YOUR*** FUTURE AS A KONOHA SHINOBI.

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SASUKE.

MY ROLE MODEL IS LORD SEVENTH...

...NOT YOU.

...ONCE BROUGHT BACK MY DAD, WHO'D GONE ROGUE AND COMMITTED GREAT CRIMES.

LORD SEVENTH...

HE BECAME HOKAGE WHILE STILL A GENIN.

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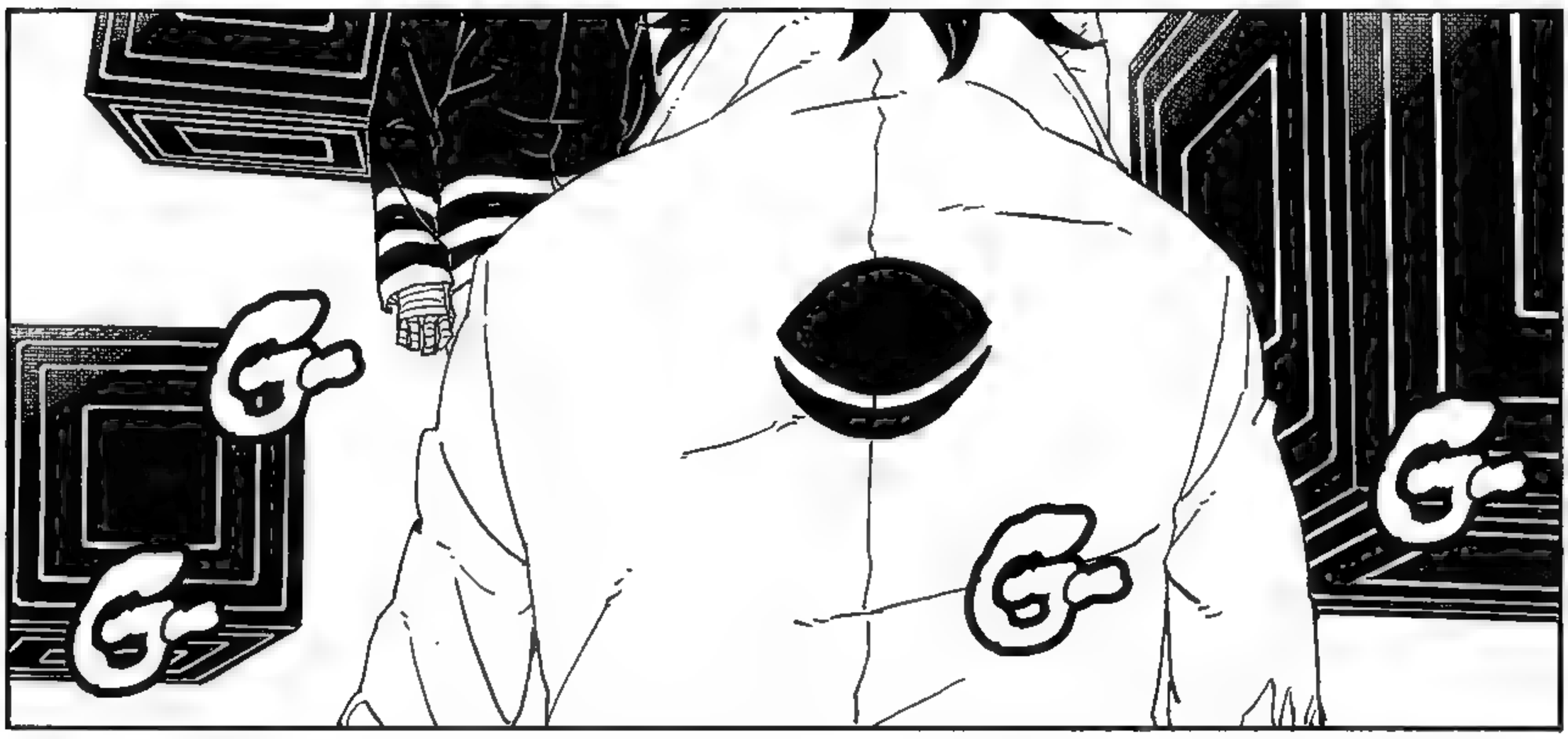

...EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT'S NOT MASTER SHIKAMARU'S FAULT.

I WAS REALLY HARSH AGAIN...

...

DUE TO EIDA'S OMNIPO-TENCE...

...NOBODY EVEN RECOG-NIZES...

...THAT SOMETHING ISN'T QUITE RIGHT.

TO THEM, KAWAKI HAS ALWAYS BEEN...

IN FACT, TO THEM...

...UZUMAKI KAWAKI. THAT'S THE SIMPLE TRUTH.

...THE SEVENTH HOKAGE'S SON...

...***WE'RE*** THE ONES WHO ARE WEIRD.

...

EARLY ON, EVERYONE STILL SENSED SOME OF THE PARADOX.

AND WHAT HAPPENED TO MOMO-SHIKI?

EVEN MASTER SHIKAMARU HOUNDED KAWAKI ABOUT THAT.

LIKE HOW COULD KARA HAVE MODIFIED KAWAKI'S BODY IF HE'D BEEN BORN AND RAISED IN THIS VILLAGE?

AND BORUTO'S A REBELLIOUS OUTSIDER.

AN UN-GRATEFUL TRAITOR.

HOW'RE WE SUP-POSED TO COUNTER...

...SUCH A RIDICULOUS ABILITY?

...ALSO SLOWLY DISSIPATED OVER TIME, THANKS TO OMNIPO-TENCE...

BUT THAT SLIGHT UNEASE...

...SO THAT NOW...

...NO ONE HAS ANY DOUBTS LEFT.

YOU STILL AIN'T GIVIN' UP?

IT'S AN UN-WINNABLE GAME, Y'KNOW?

...WE'VE AT LEAST STARTED TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS.

THOUGH RECENTLY ...

...OVER OMNIPO-TENCE, JUST LIKE MY ABILITY TO CHARM.

I HAVE NO CONTROL...

...IS THAT OMNIPO-TENCE IS A TYPE OF OHTSUTSUKI SHINJUTSU...

WHAT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW...

AND THAT IT WAS KAWAKI'S DESIRE THAT CREATED OUR CURRENT CIRCUM-STANCES.

...THAT MAKES ONE'S DESIRES REAL.

ANY NEW INFOR-MATION?

HOW COULD I GIVE UP?!

...THE TWO SWITCHING POSITIONS.

EVERY-ONE'S MEMORIES WERE CHANGED.

EVERY-THING THEY REMEMBERED ABOUT BORUTO AND KAWAKI WAS REWRITTEN...

...RESULT-ING IN...

BUT IT'S NO USE TALKING TO THOSE WHO WERE AFFECTED BY OMNIPO-TENCE.

THEY'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND.

I DON'T KNOW.

IS THERE NO WAY...

...TO REVERSE IT?!

THE ACTUAL TRUTH IS REASONABLE ENOUGH THAT WE SIMPLY NEED TO EXPLAIN IT PROPERLY!

BUT WHY?

SO WHO'D TAKE YOU SERI-OUSLY?

...

IT'D BE MORE PRACTICAL TO JUST REWRITE ***DIFFERENT*** MEMORIES.

THOUGH THERE'S RISK IN THAT TOO.

TO BE BRUTALLY FRANK...

...I'D GIVE UP TRYING TO RETURN THINGS TO THE WAY THEY WERE.

AREN'T YOU THE ONES WHOSE MEMORIES ...

THINK ABOUT IT.

...ARE CON-SIDERED FLAWED?

IN ANY CASE...

...I STILL FIND IT MYSTIFY-ING...

NO WAY...

...

...

...HOW THE TWO OF YOU MANAGED TO RETAIN YOUR MEMORIES...

...WHEN YOU'RE NOT OHTSU-TSUKI.

HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO RETAIN YOUR TRUE MEMO-RIES?

OR MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

THEY ALSO DON'T WORK ON FAMILY MEMBERS LIKE DAEMON.

BUT YOU TWO ARE NEITHER.

BOTH OMNIPO-TENCE AND CHARM...

...HAVE NO EFFECT ON OHTSUTSUKI.

...

...ARE YOU SURE...

LISTEN, MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT FOUND OUT.

ESPECIALLY BY DAEMON.

W

...YOU'RE BOTH REALLY MY CAPTIVES?

...IT MEANS IT'S POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO KILL EIDA.

IF HER CHARM DOESN'T WORK ON YOU...

YOU GET WHAT I'M SAYING?

IF THEY CATCH ON, YOUR LIVES MAY BE IN DANGER.

I MEAN, COME ON...

NO ONE CAN ESCAPE BEING CHARMED BY YOU, RIGHT?

SARADA AND I, WE'RE JUST...

...PUTTING UP A FRONT TO HIDE OUR FEELINGS.

OH, PLEASE.

WE'VE TOLD YOU OVER AND OVER.

THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE.

TRUE...

...

...

SEE?

...

WOOOOO

I'M SURE BORUTO STILL WANTS TO KILL YOU.

AND HE'S OTSUTSUKI, JUST LIKE YOU...

...SO IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE HE'S MASTERED THE ABILITY TO ERASE HIS CHAKRA SIGNATURE.

COOL YOUR BLOOD-THIRST, MITSUKI.

IT'S TOTALLY SUFFOCATING.

YOU KNOW THAT.

EVEN IF HE ELUDES THE SENSORY UNIT, HE CAN'T TRICK ME.

IF HE COMES HERE, I'LL FEEL IT RIGHT AWAY.

I WILL KILL HIM.

I SWEAR IT.

I WANT TO PROTECT YOU.

BUT KAWAKI...

YOU'RE ...

...

SURE. DO AS YOU PLEASE.

JUST...

KAWAKI! SEARCH SQUAD HERE.

WE FOUND CLAW MARKS OUTSIDE THE WALL!

IT'S ANNOY-ING.

...QUIT FOLLOWING ME AROUND LIKE SOME SICK PERV.

WAFT

WHERE?

OOO

STAY WHERE YOU ARE.

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

WOO

EAST OF SECTOR C.

END OF STORY

...

YOU'RE THE SUN...

...SHINING BRIGHTLY UPON MY MOON...

...KAWAKI?

AREN'T YOU...

WOOOOO

YAAH
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WHAM

FWIP
WIP

WIP

GK
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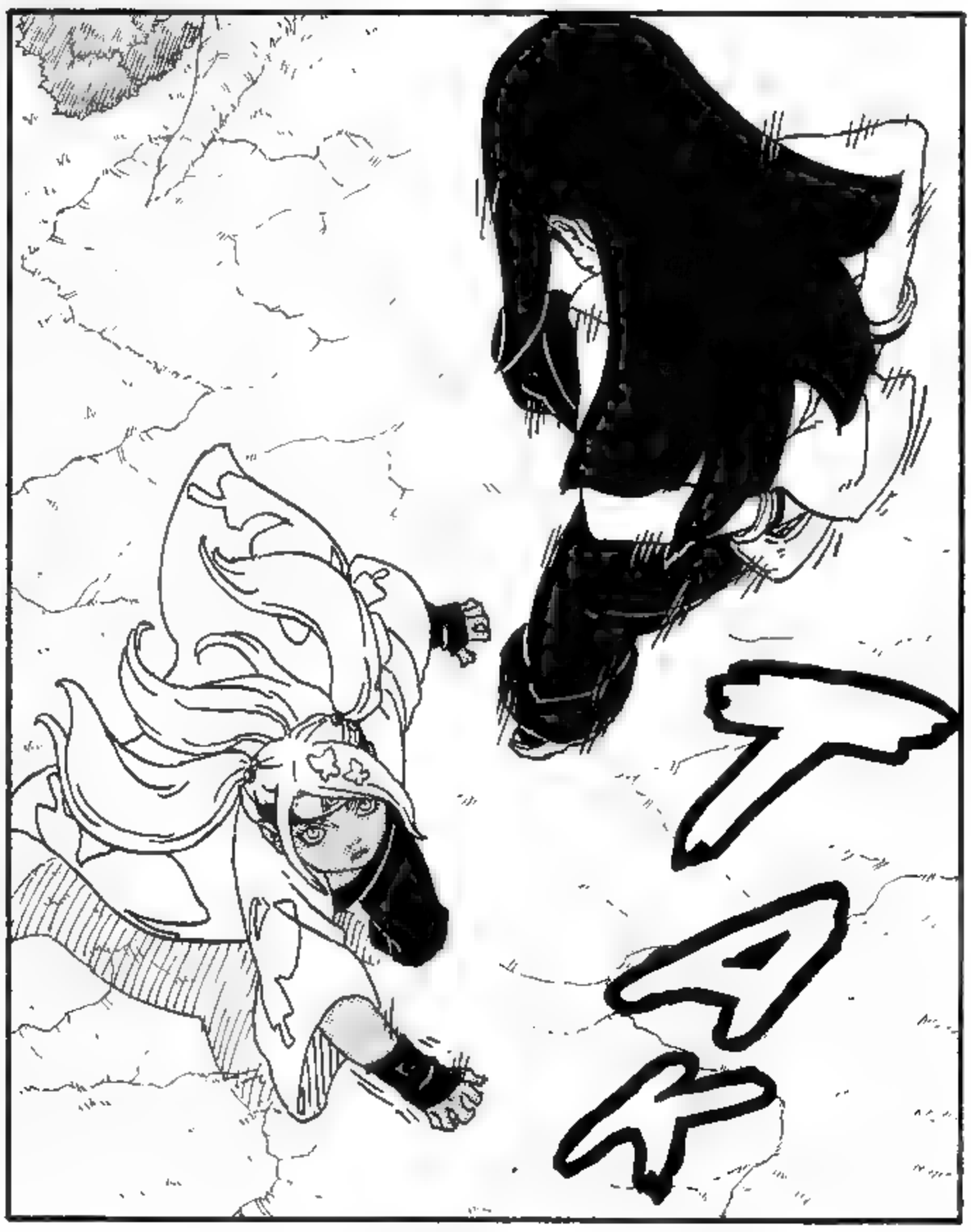
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WHOOSH

THK THK THK

PUFF

SWOOSH

GWRRRL

!

GRRB

VSH !

TMP

WSH

YEESH.

NSH

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE CARELESSLY JUMPED UPWARD.

NICE FIGHT!

YOU DID WELL, HIMAWARI!

THAT SAID...

...YOUR MOVES ARE EXCEPTIONALLY SHARP.

YOU ARE KAWAKI'S LI'L SIS, ALL RIGHT.

REALLY ?!

THAT FIRST KICK WAS SUPER GOOD!

CRAZY SOLID!

...

IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO GET STRONG...

...WHY DO YOU WANNA GET SO STRONG?

BUT, HIMA-WARI...

I, UH...

...KINDA WANNA...

...HELP BORUTO...

...YOU SEE.

...EVERYONE IN KONOHA WOULD YELL AT ME FOR SAYING THIS, BUT...

IT'S JUST...

OKAY, I FEEL LIKE...

HUH?

THAT AIN'T FUNNY.

WHOA ...

YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN THAT, DO YOU?

...

WHAT?

...BUT...

I KNOW IT SOUNDS WACKY...

SORRY.

HE KILLED YOUR DAD...

...REMEM-BER?

UH...

I DON'T THINK HE DID.

I MEAN...

...

WHAT EVERY-ONE SAYS ABOUT HIM IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT...

HOW DO I PUT IT...?

...FROM WHAT I REMEMBER OF HIM.

...WOULDN'T KILL MY DAD.

SUCH A PERSON...

...I SAW WITH MY OWN EYES...

...HIM RISKING HIS LIFE TO PROTECT MY DAD AND ME.

...THAT MY DAD IS STILL...

...I HAVE THIS FEELING ...

...ALIVE SOME-WHERE.

AND IF THAT *IS* THE CASE, BORUTO'S GOTTA BE IN DEEP TROUBLE.

THERE HAS TO BE SOME EXPLANA-TION.

HIMA-WARI...

...

BE-SIDES...

WOOSH

GOOD.

THANKS, KAWAKI!

THAT'S THE LAST OF THE CLAW MARKS AROUND HERE.

HE HAS AN ESPECIALLY STRONG GRUDGE AGAINST BORUTO, RIGHT?

MAYBE HE'S PRIORITIZING THAT BATTLE OVER KONOHA?

WHY COME SO NEAR, SO FREQUENTLY, BUT NOT ATTACK? ESPECIALLY WHEN...

BUT I DON'T GET CODE.

...I HEAR HE'S GOT SEVERAL THOUSAND SOLDIERS?

YOU KNOW, IT'D BE GREAT IF THEY JUST TOOK EACH OTHER OUT...

YOU.

YOUR THEORY THAT WE'VE ESCAPED HARM...

...THANKS TO BORUTO NOT BEING HERE...

...DOES HAVE MERIT.

...

RRRR

GRB

!

HUH?

HEY!

WHAT THE HECK ?!

GRP

HOLD STILL.

WHA...

...ALONG THE SCRUFF OF YOUR NECK.

A CLAW MARK...

WHAT ?!

DWOOSH

WAAH!

I DUNNO!

I HAD NO IDEA!

HOW LONG?

UGH...

YOU DIDN'T NOTICE ANY-THING?

TELL EVERYONE WHO'S BEEN ON CLAW-MARK-SEARCH DUTY TO GATHER IN ONE PLACE.

AND I'LL SHRINK ANY THAT WE FIND, ONE BY ONE.

VWOOO

WE'RE GONNA LOOK INTO THAT NOW.

WHAT?

ARE THERE OTHERS?

IT'S ALL WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW.

HURRY UP, MASTER SHIKA.

THAT BASTARD CODE.

WHAT IS HE PLOT-TING?

ZZWWW

HUH?

...

WHAT IS IT?

PLUS... IT'S LEGIT!

NO, YOU MUST BE EXAGGER-ATING.

WHA...?

WHO THE HECK IS THIS GUY?!

AN UNKNOWN CHAKRA DETECTED!

!

THWAK

K-
KONOHA
POLICE
FORCE
HERE!

WE
NEED
BACKUP,
STAT!!

EEP!!

BAM

DON'T
TELL
ME...

...THEY'RE
EVERY-
WHERE?!

AIEE!!

WAAH!!

START THE EVACUATION OF NON-COMBAT-ANTS.

HAVE THOSE WHO CAN FIGHT RUSH TO WHEREVER'S NEAREST.

THEY SEEM TO HAVE EMERGED SUDDENLY IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AT THE SAME TIME.

AND THERE ARE ALREADY CASUALTIES, INCLUDING CIVILIANS.

...

YES, UNDER-STOOD!

WAAH!!

WAAH!

AH!

AHH...

歌の里

WHY ATTACK NOW, AFTER ALL THIS TIME...

...CODE?!

第6話

FOLLOW THE SHINOBI'S INSTRUC-TIONS.

RUN, NOW!

THO...OM

TMP

TAK

PLEASE STAY CALM!
DON'T PUSH!
DASH

CLANG

TMP

BUT WHERE'D IT COME FROM?

ONE OF CODE'S CLAW GRIMES!

THD-THD

ZLRP

DMP

ZW

ZWW

THEY...

...TO TRAVEL BETWEEN LOCATIONS?

...CAN USE EACH OTHER LIKE CLAW MARKS...!

ZWW

ZWW

CODE !!

NICE TO FINALLY MEET YOU...

...UCHIHA SARADA.

I'M LOOKING FOR BORUTO.

...

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH KONOHA?

HE ISN'T HERE.

HE LEFT THREE YEARS AGO.

GO LOOK SOME-WHERE ELSE.

I TOLD YOU, HE'S NOT HERE.

I'VE BEEN CHASING AFTER HIM FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS NOW...

I KNOW.

?

LET ME REPHRASE.

I WASN'T CLEAR.

THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE.

I'VE DECIDED TO STOP LOOKING.

...AND I'M TIRED.

...WHOM HE STILL CARES ABOUT...

I THOUGHT I'D HAVE HIS FORMER FRIENDS...

...SUMMON HIM.

!

...SO THAT IT WILL REACH HIM.

I HOPE YOU CAN SCREAM REAL PRETTY...

...

START-ING WITH YOU.

IT'S THAT KIND OF SICK THINKING...

...THAT CREEPS GIRLS OUT.

SWISH

HERE

!

IT LOOKS LIKE HE INFILTRATED SUDDENLY FROM THE SKY...

...RIGHT ABOVE CODE'S POSITION !!

WHAT ?

IT'S BORUTO !!

CHAKRA DATA MATCHES !!

LISTEN UP.

...

BUT KEEP AN EYE ON BORUTO'S MOVE-MENTS...

...AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT HIS PLAN!

YESSIR !!

ALL FIGHTERS, YOU ARE TO PRIORITIZE CONFRONTING CODE AND HIS CLAW GRIMES!

BORUTO!

WOOOOOO

YOU'VE FINALLY SHOWN YOUR-SELF...

...BORUTO!

ROAD TO TWO BLUE VORTEX

Let's review the events of part one!

The shinjutsu Omnipotence and flipped destinies

A DIVINE POWER SHE HERSELF CANNOT CONTROL...
INDEED, THIS IS THE TRUE NATURE OF EIDA'S POWER TO CHARM...
...AND BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE SHINJUTSU OMNIPO-TENCE.

The shinjutsu dwelling within Eida

Omnipotence

The jutsu an Otsutsuki who had evolved into a god was said to have used to create this world that we know. An ultimate power that can make any intent real. As it is a power that only Otsutsuki are meant to yield, Eida cannot control it, so it manifests as an ability that blindly makes subconscious desires material.

Through Eida, Kawaki's...

...desires were made material

Eida's wish to "be of help to Kawaki" and Kawaki's desire, "if only Boruto were an outsider like me," resonated with each other and invoked Omnipotence. Almost every person's memories were rewritten, causing Boruto and Kawaki to switch positions.

The flipped...

...destinies of "the bros"

Kawaki is the Konoha-born-and-raised son of Seventh Hokage Naruto. Boruto is an outsider who murdered the Hokage and his wife, who were caring for him, ending up as a traitorous fugitive.

Check out the NARUTO OFFICIAL SITE for even more info on the world of Boruto!

2: Tree

VWOOOO

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO SHOW YOURSELF SO READILY.

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, BORUTO.

MAKES ME REGRET NOT COMING TO KONOHA A LOT SOONER.

ALL OF 'EM.
WITH-DRAW YOUR MON-STERS.
...AND I'LL LET YOU LIVE.
DO IT NOW, WHILE YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO CONTROL THEM...

DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU RAN OFF WITHOUT MAKING A DENT TWO YEARS AGO?
...THAT *YOU'RE* GONNA SPARE *MY* LIFE!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE TO TELL ME...

WAIT, HOLD ON.
WHAT'D YOU JUST SAY?

AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D HEARD THE WORST OF YOUR BLUFFS.

WHAT CAN I DO BUT LAUGH?

YOU OBVIOUSLY HEARD ME.

SO HURRY UP AND DO IT, OR ELSE...

...YOU'LL LOSE MORE THAN YOUR LEFT EYE THIS TIME.

酒

SARADA, THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF FOLKS WHO HAVEN'T GOTTEN AWAY.

I'LL HANDLE CODE.

COULD YOU HELP THEM?

...

BORUTO...

...YOU SURE?

ARE...

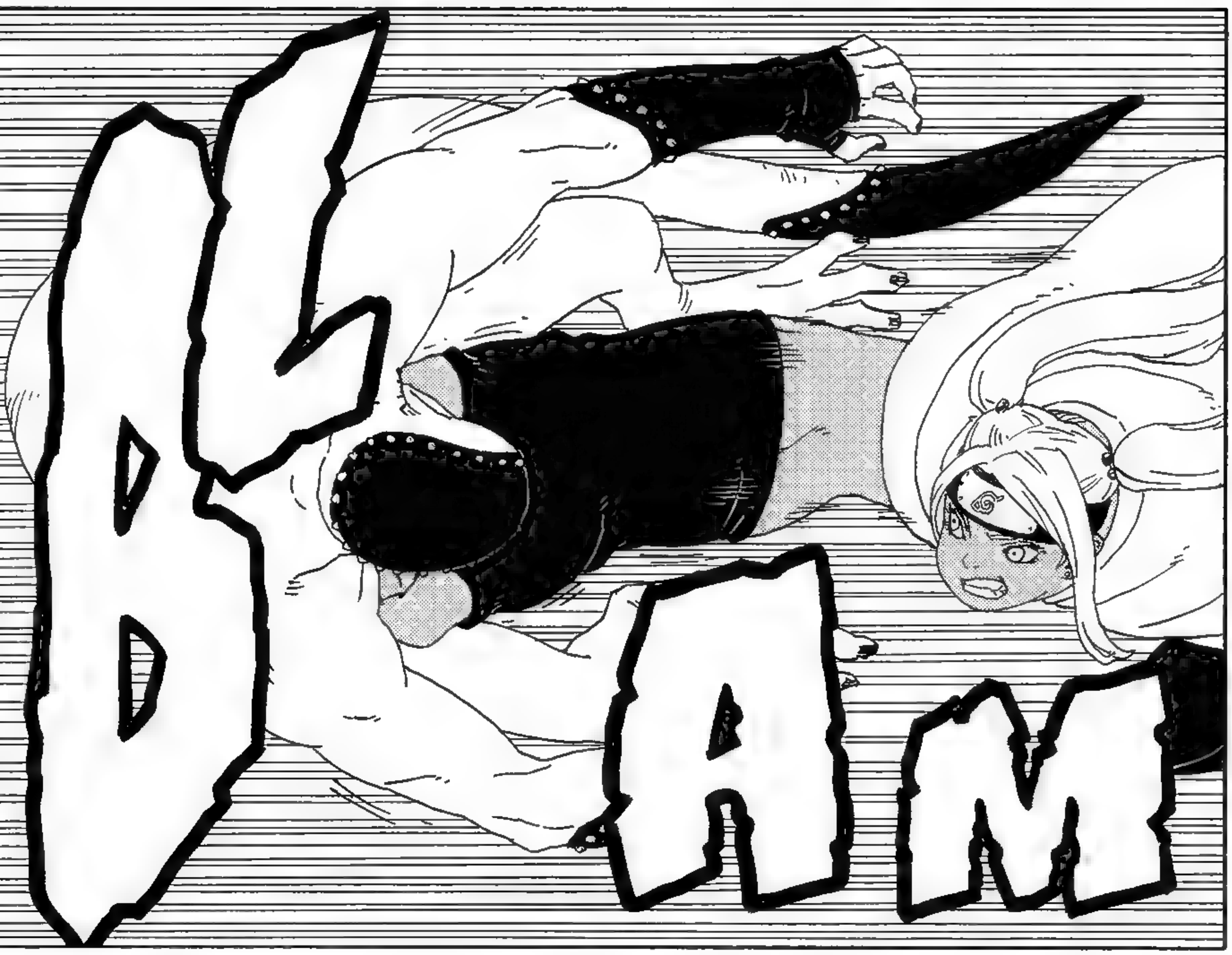
...

JUST STAY ALIVE.

WE'LL TALK LATER.

SHADOW PARALYSIS!!

BZZZ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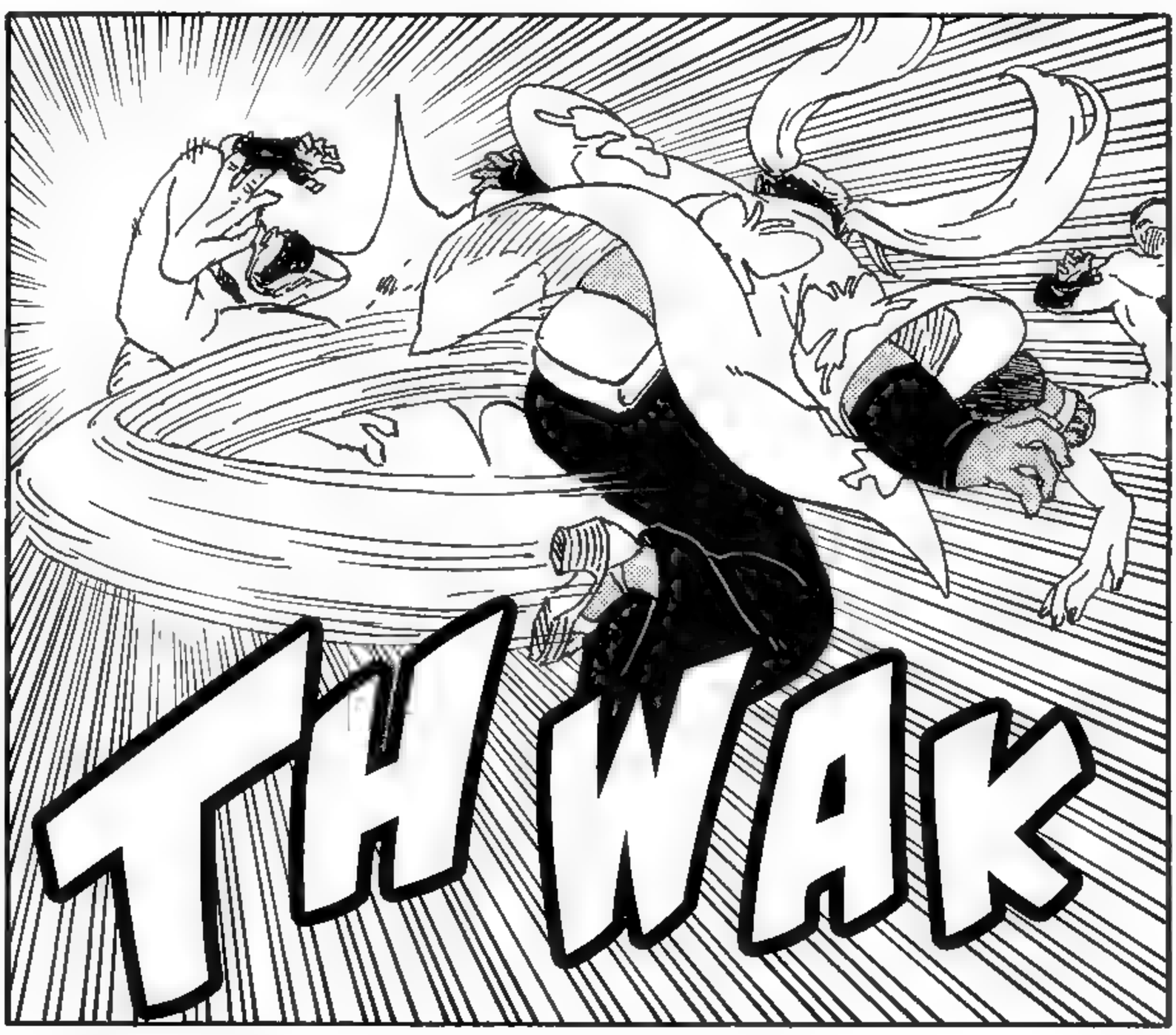
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ZL RP

...NO BIG DEAL, JUST NUMBERS!

THEY'RE ...

CHO-CHO, BEHIND YOU!!

KLO P

CRR

WHA--

INOJIN!

FLAP

I AIN'T FAT!

BUT THANKS, INOJIN!!

VWOOOO

YEESH!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, CHUBS!

VWOP

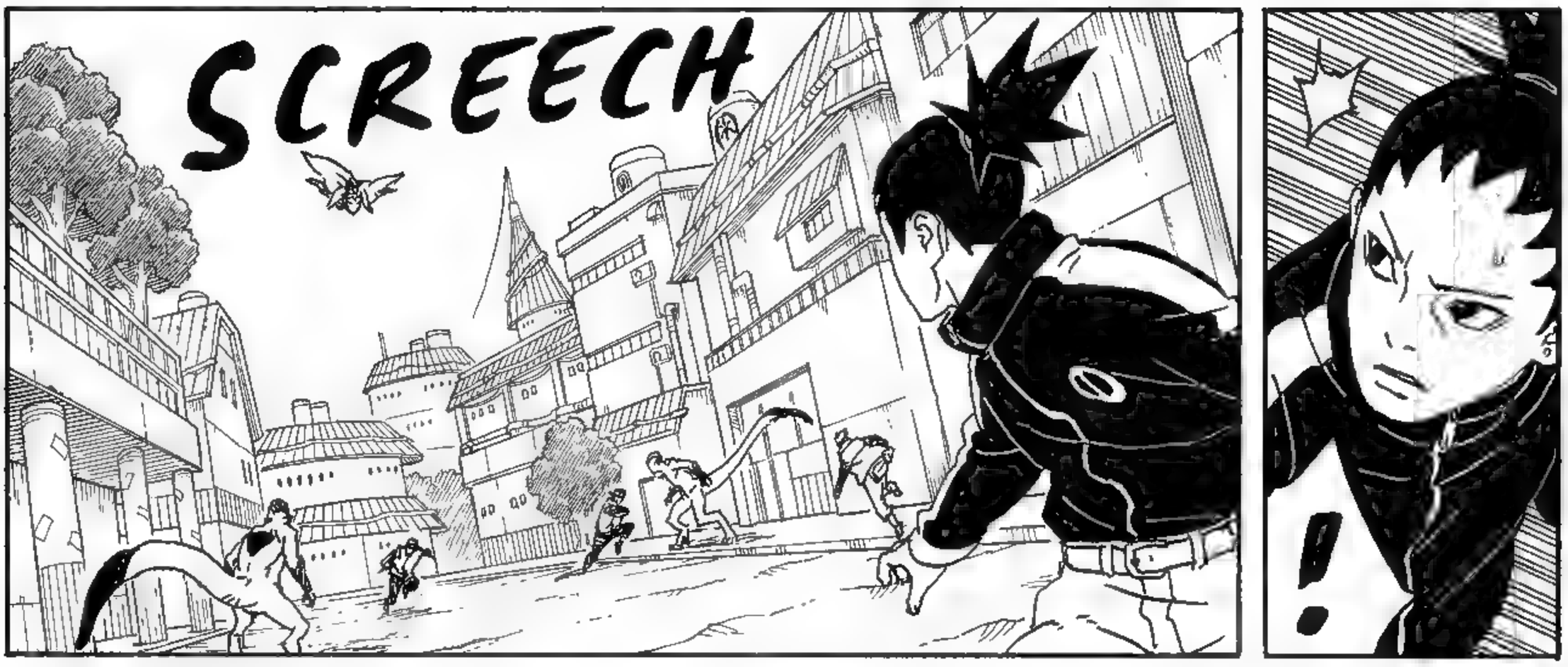
DNK

SHOOT!

OH!

HIMA-
WARI!!!

GAPE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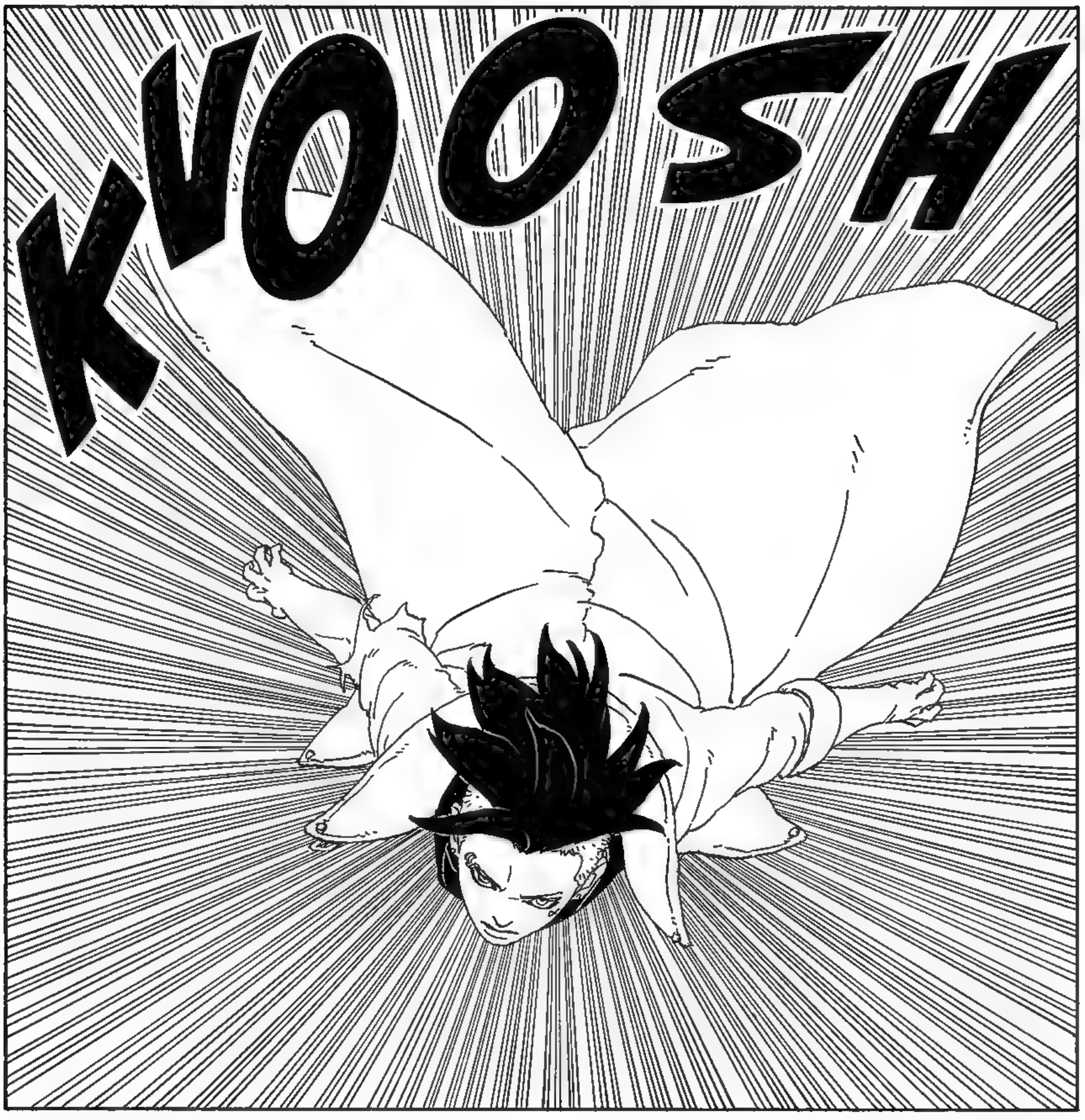
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BIG BRO!!

KA-WAKI!

OUTTA MY WAY!!

GRB

ZSHH

DMP

BLINK

GRRR

...BIG BRO!

THANKS ...

香茶

TMD

BUT...

...

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU...

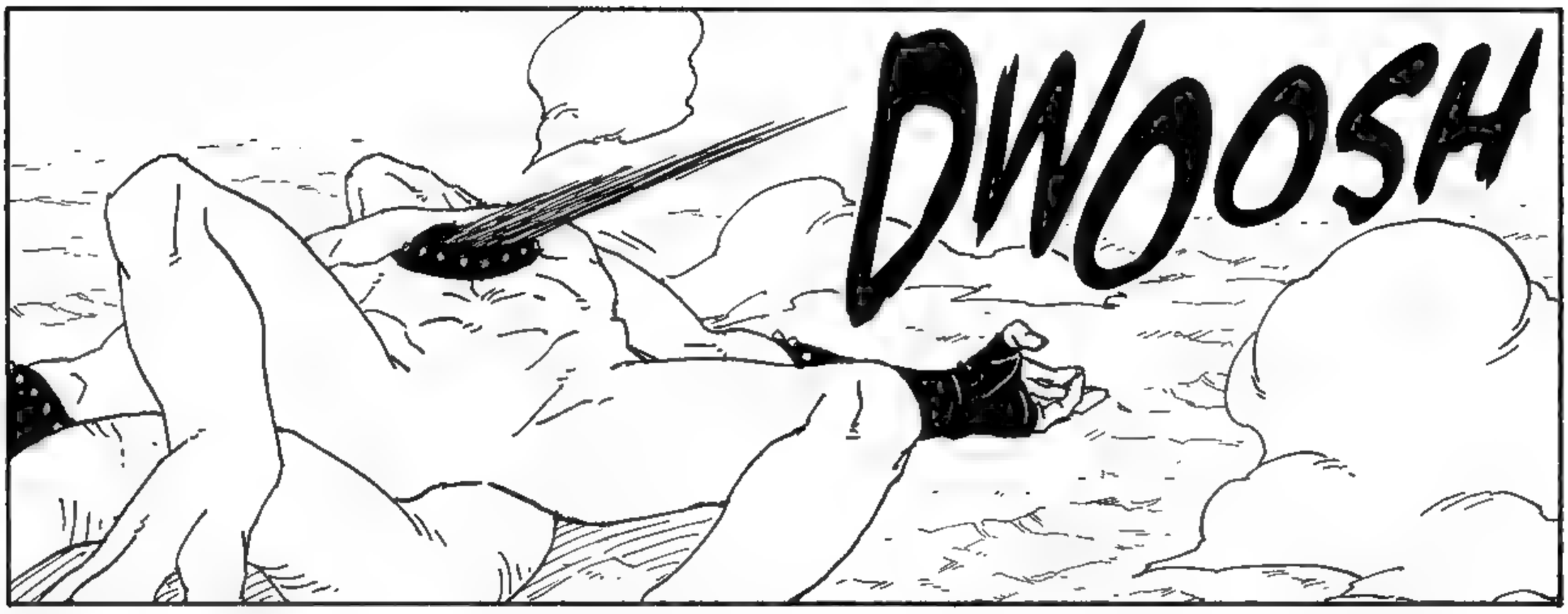
...

LIKE LEVELED UP!

HEY...

THIS ONE SEEMS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS.

...NOT TO CALL ME THAT?!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ZZ

!

HUH

OH...

...TSU
...

...TSU
...

...KI
...

GUH...

KAWAKI
!!

RAWR ...

GWRRG

GET OUT OF THERE, KAWAKI!

I CAN'T HOLD IT FOR LONG!

ASHKEN

BEING CALLED *THAT* PISSES ME OFF THE MOST!

OHTSU-TSUKI, EH?

SSH

110

WHOA!
ZWW
THD
ZLRR
ZLRP

DAMMIT, THERE'S NO END TO 'EM!!

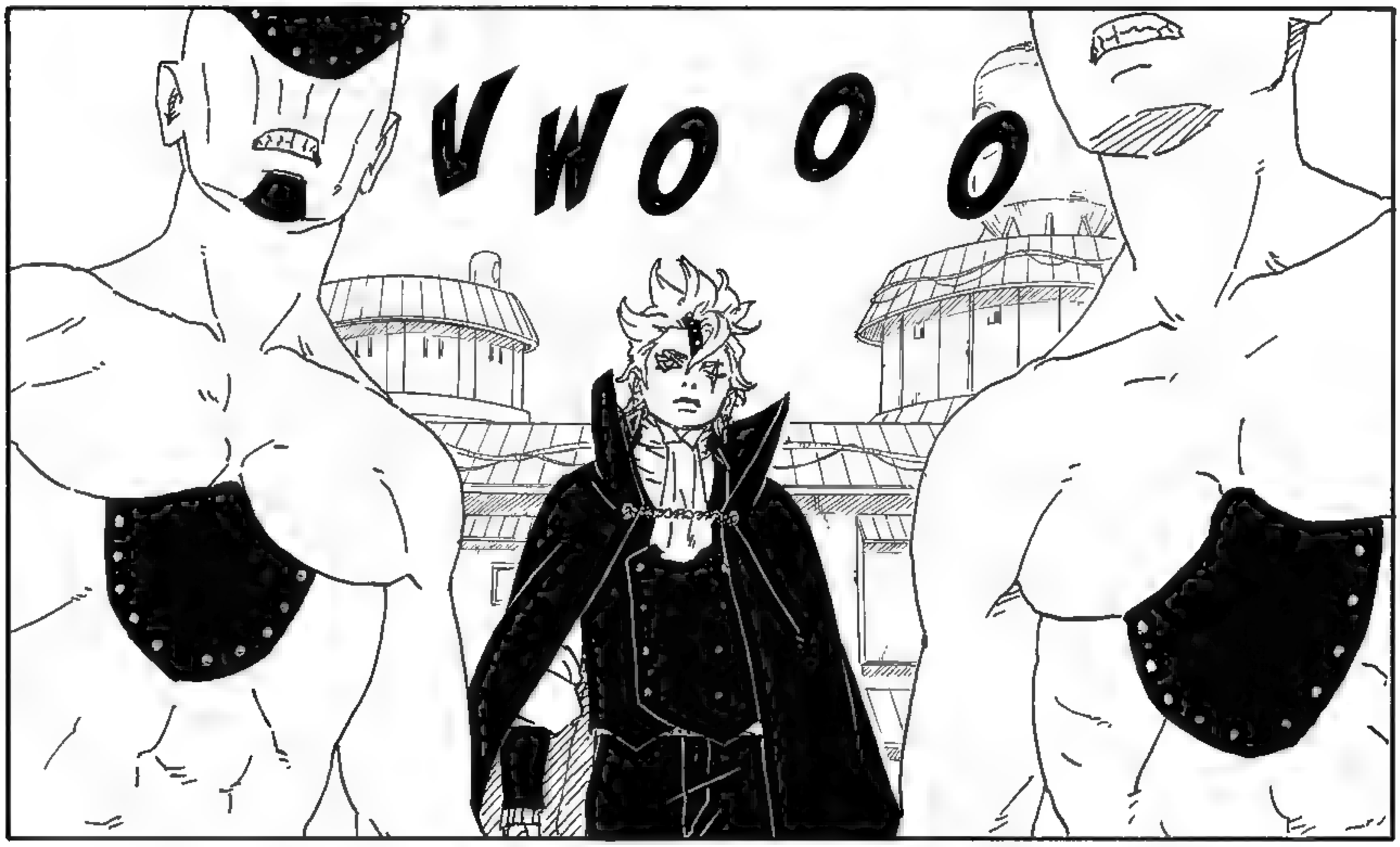
JUST HOW MANY ARE THERE?!

VWOOO

...EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM.

DOESN'T MATTER.

CUZ WE'RE GONNA SLAUGH-TER...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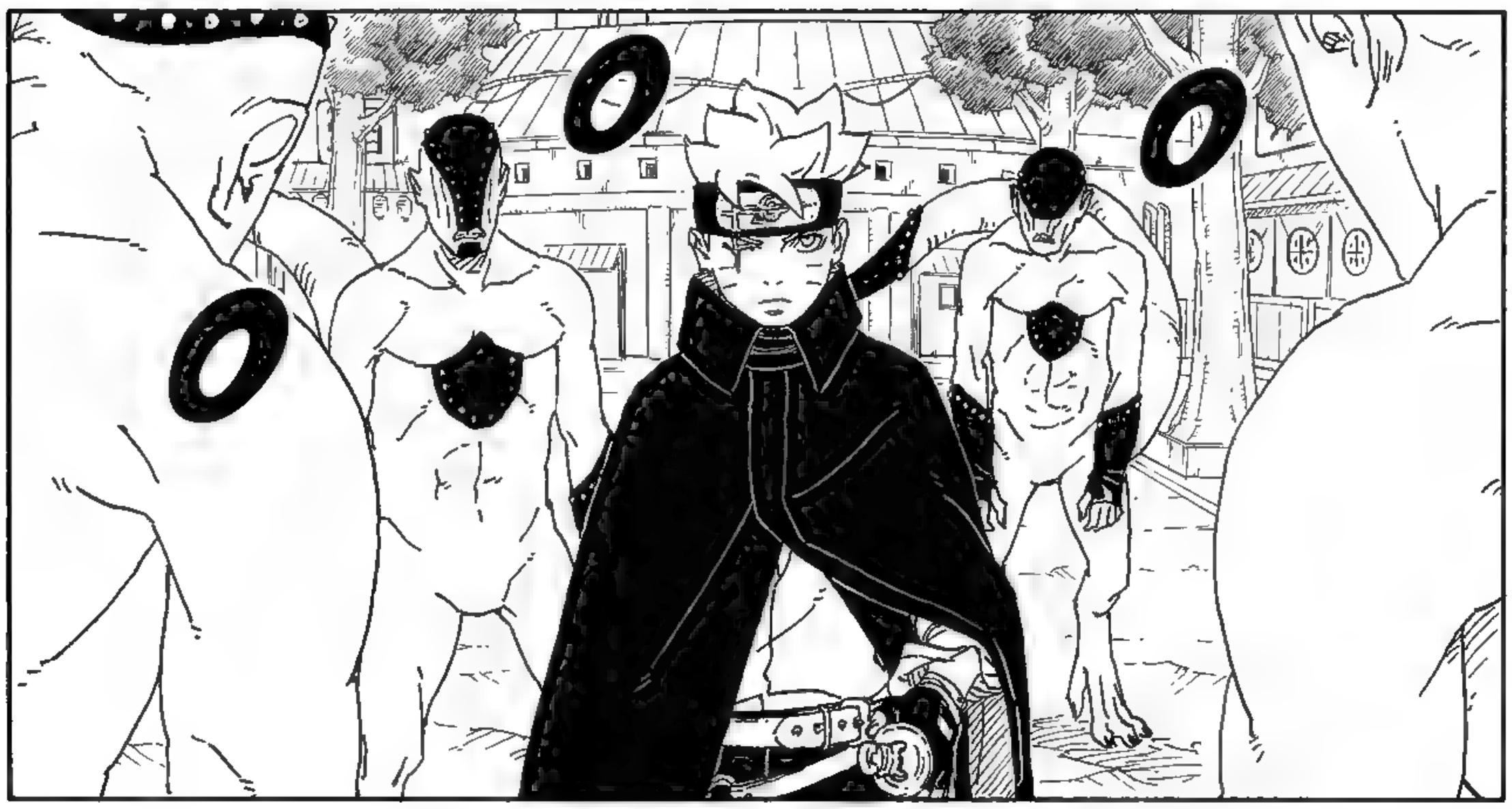

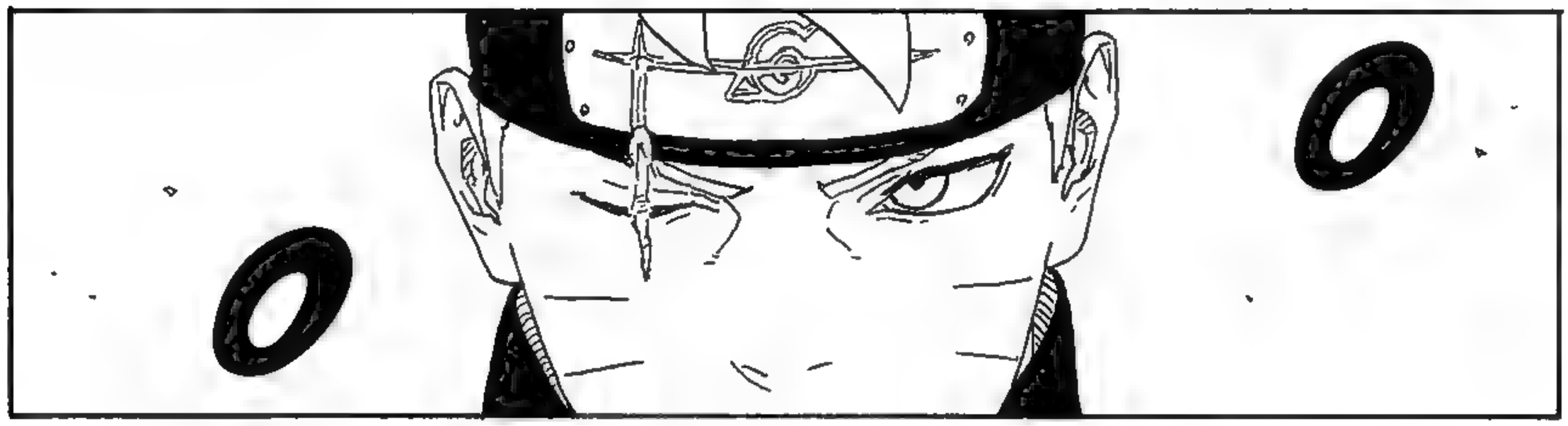

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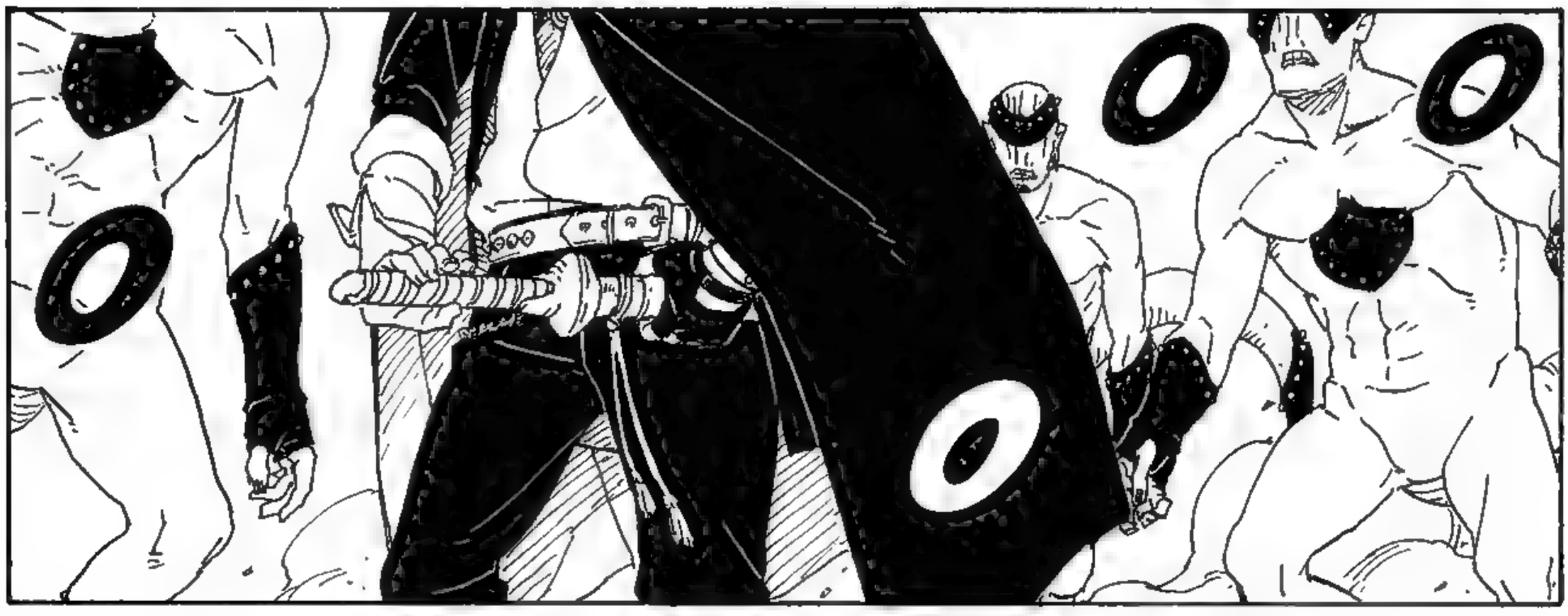

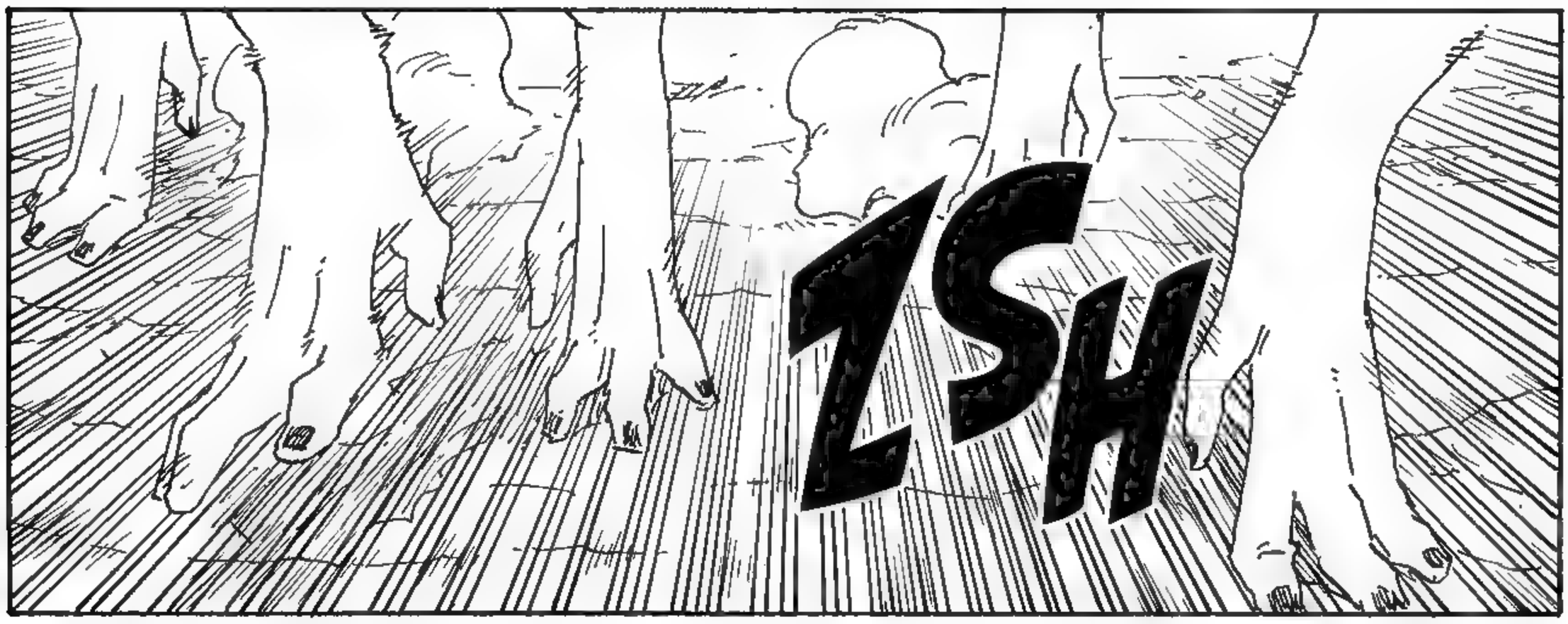
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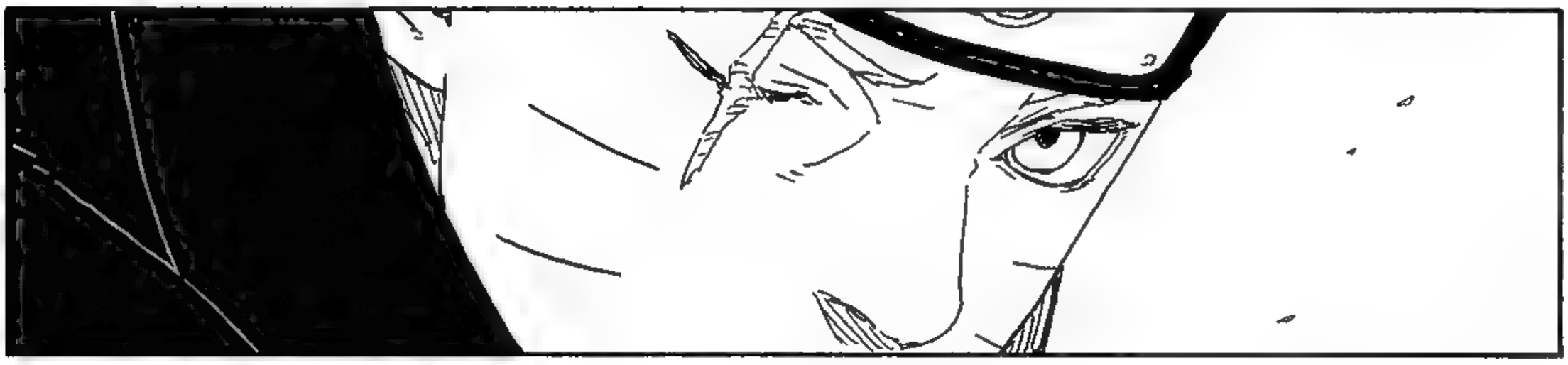

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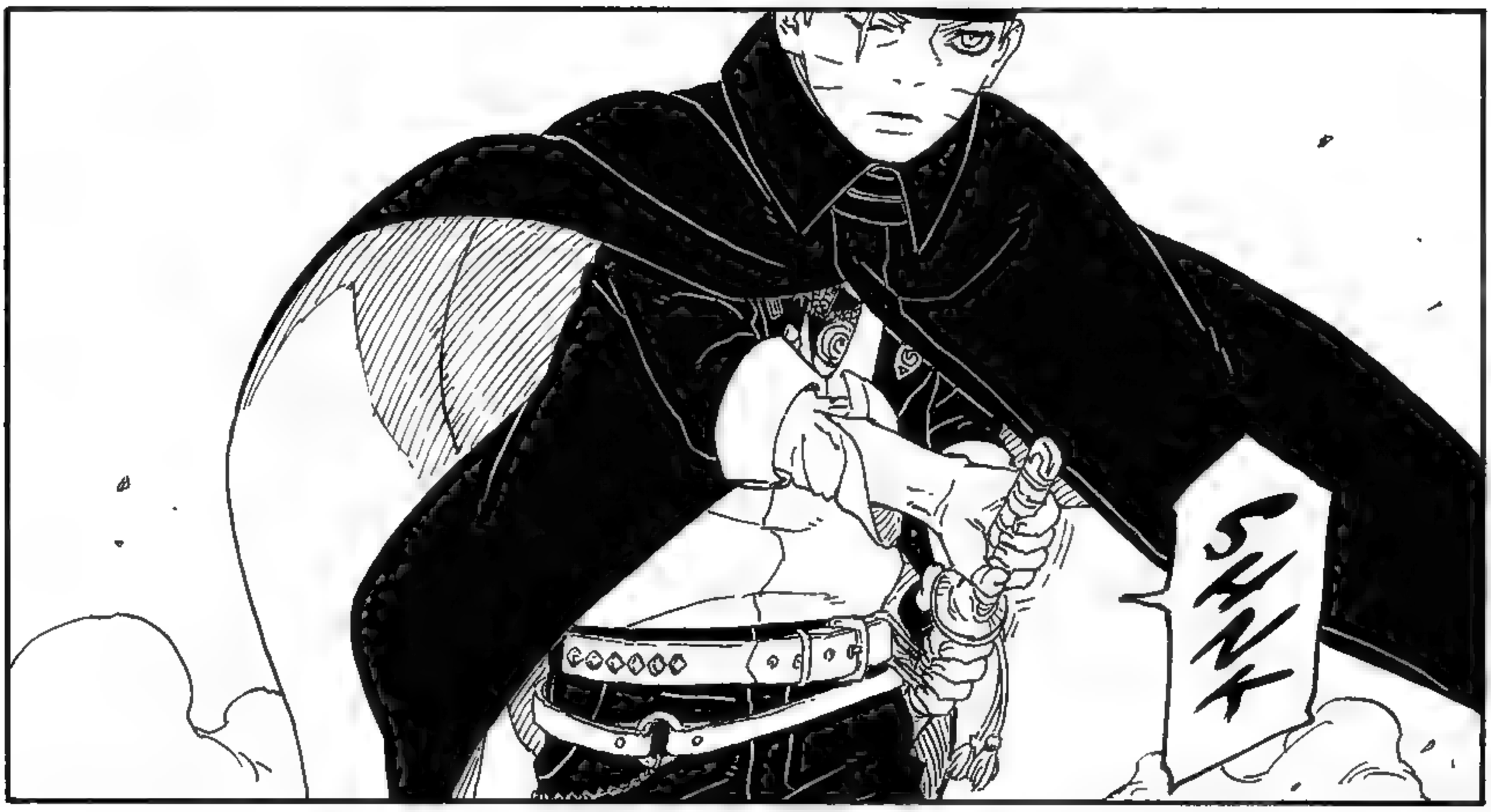
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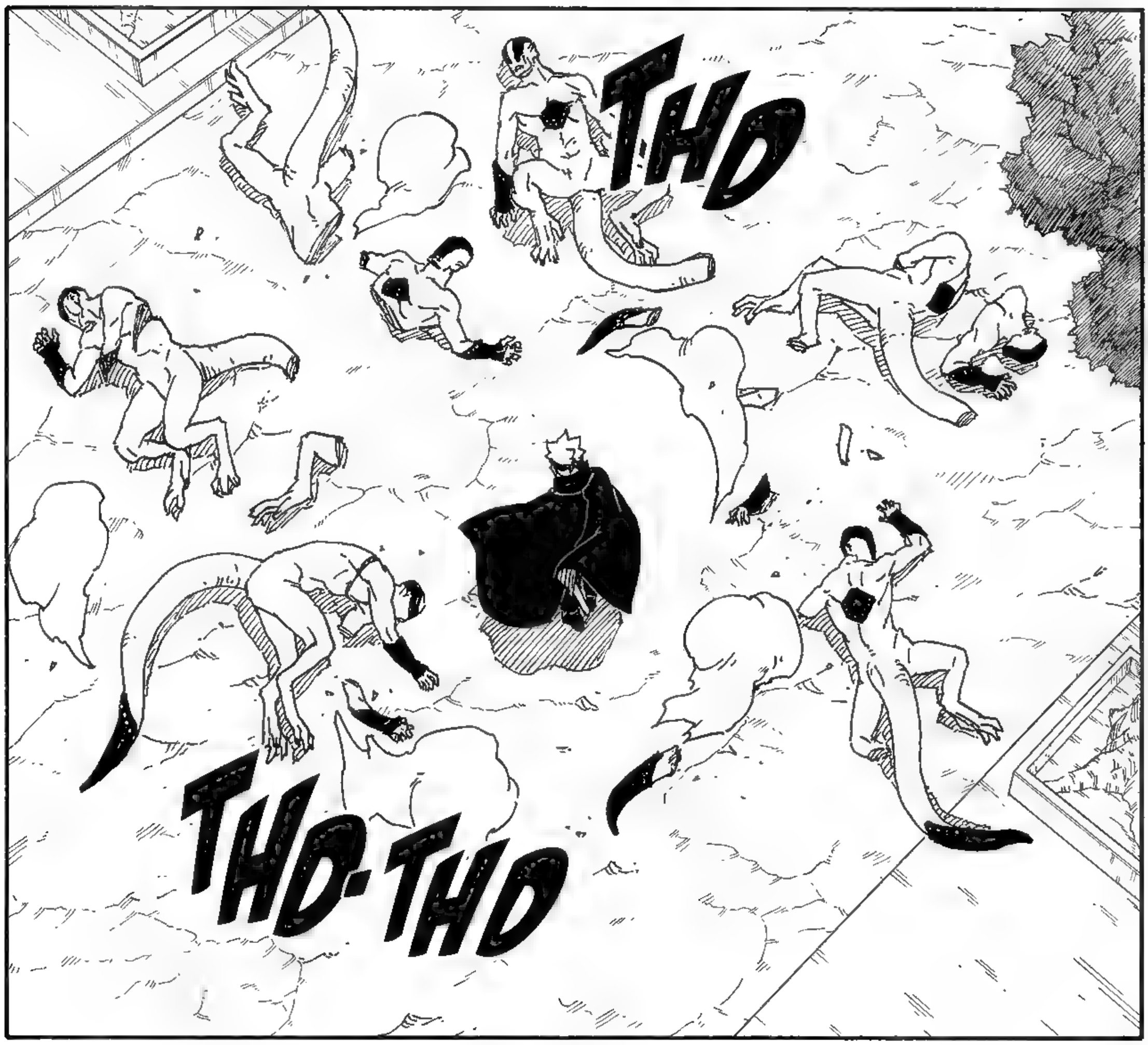
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THD-THD

I GUESS ...

...IT WASN'T A COMPLETE BLUFF.

THESE DON'T EVEN ADD UP TO A DROP IN THE BUCKET.

AND YOU'RE BEING PREMA-TURELY COCKY.

BESIDES, THEY'RE JUST TOOLS ANYWAY.

IF YOU INSIST ON PRESSING ON...

...YOU'LL LOSE EVERY ONE OF 'EM.

...THE TRUE...

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND...

...HORROR OF TEN TAILS.

WHAT...?

FWP

FWP

FWP

KATON...

ZSHH

WOOSH

...FIRE BALL!!

KRAK!

BLAZE

TAK

BZZT-ZAP-ZAP

CHIDORI!!!

GK GK

ZP-ZP

THOOM

ARE YOU REALLY JUST A GENIN?

WOW.

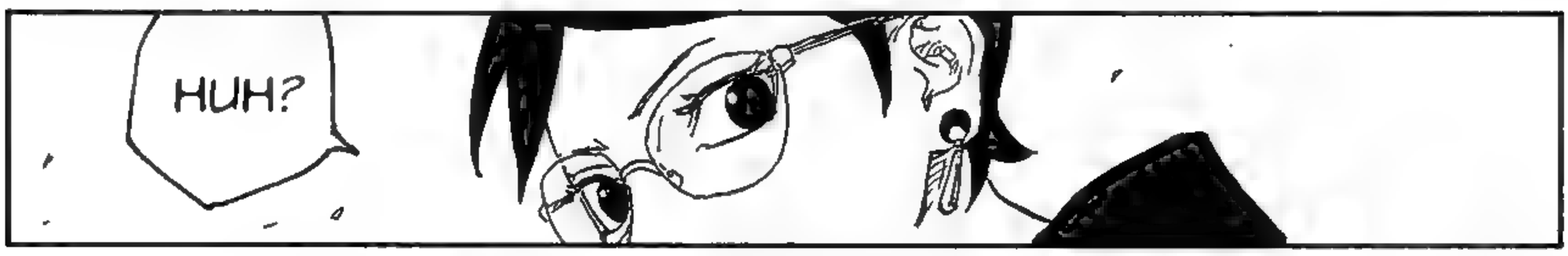
GWWD

GWWW

WHAT DOES IT MATTER ...

...WHAT MY RANK IS?

BEHIND YOU!!!
UCHIHA!


HUH?

CHOMP

SNAWW

UNH !!

UGH ...

HE'S--

SOEGI!!

AARGH !!

KRAK KRAK KRAK

H--

HEL
...

...P...

UNH
...

AHH
...

PLIK-PLIK

PLIK-PLIK

PLIK

...A TREE?!

IS THAT...

?!

WHAT THE HECK...

...

...IS HAPPEN-ING?!

WAAH !!

!

G-

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G-

...THEY'RE BEASTS THAT'LL JUST INSTINCTIVELY BITE ANYBODY IN THEIR VICINITY...

...UNTIL THEY EVENTUALLY RUN INTO AN OHTSUTSUKI.

THEY DEVOUR OHTSUTSUKI.

WELL, IN TRUTH...

I KNOW PLENTY ABOUT TEN TAILS.

OBVI-OUSLY.

THANKS TO YOU ENHANCING THEM.

...BUT THESE ONES ARE DIFFERENT.

THAT MIGHT NORMALLY BE THE CASE...

OR ELSE, WE'LL END UP...

...IN THE WORST POSSIBLE FUTURE FOR EVERYONE.

IT AIN'T TOO LATE YET.

YOU NEED TO SCRAP THEM WHILE YOU STILL HOLD THEIR REINS.

IN RETURN, GUIDE ME TO WHERE...

I'LL SAY THIS ONE MORE TIME, CODE.

I'LL LET YOU LIVE.

...THE MAIN BULK OF TEN TAILS IS.

WHAT OF IT? WHEN A TEN TAILS DEVOURS AN OHTSUTSUKI, IT PUTS DOWN ROOTS AND BECOMES A DIVINE TREE...

WHAT OF IT?

AND MY GOAL LIES BEYOND THAT WORST POSSIBLE FUTURE.

...LEADING TO THAT PLANET'S DEATH.

IT'S IRRELE-VANT...

...SINCE YOU'LL BE THE ONE DYING.

SO INSTEAD OF DYING IN VAIN...

I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU...

KILLING YOU IS EASY.

...WHY NOT DO ONE ACT OF GOOD FOR THE WORLD?

GIMME A BREAK, BORUTO.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?

TWO

I GUESS THERE'S NO CURE FOR IDIOCY.

...

HMPH.

A RASENGAN?

WHAT A ONE-TRICK PONY.

SHUP

RASENGAN...

...UZUHIKO.

3: Uzuhiko

...UZUHIKO?
RASENGAN
...

TMP
TMP

TMP
W
V

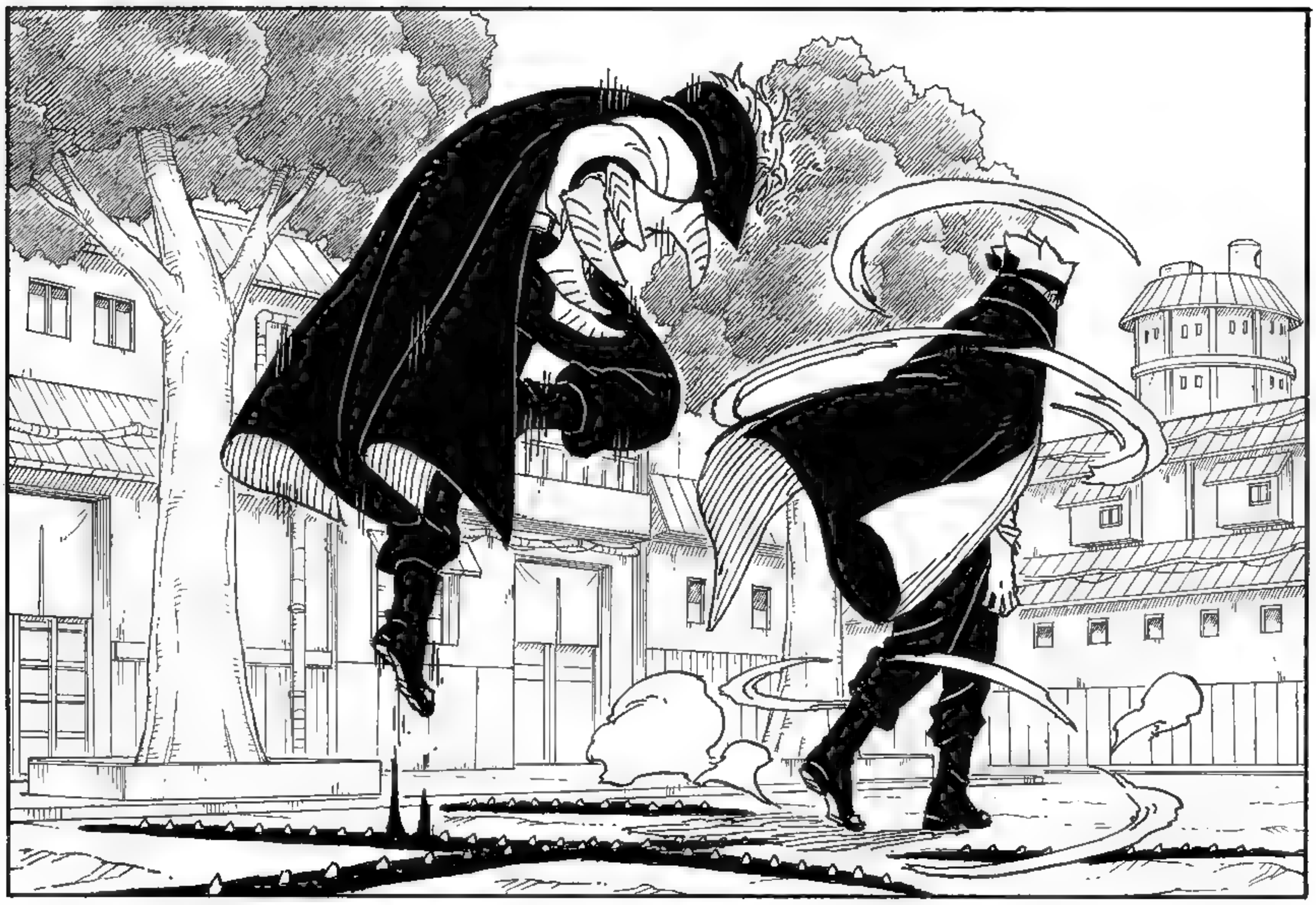
IS IT THIS SPECIAL VANISHING RASENGAN?!

NO. THAT ONE'S AN INVISIBLE, LONG-DISTANCE ATTACK THAT'S POINTLESS UNLESS IT'S A SURPRISE.

HE WOULDN'T BE APPROACHING ME OPENLY LIKE THIS.

TWO

WHOOP



WISH

VLW

BAM

GGG

ZWOO

GGGG

GK

...THAT YOU CAN'T HIT ME WITH IT.

YOU SEEM REAL CONFIDENT ABOUT THIS JUTSU...

...SO IT'S A SHAME...

IN FACT...

...I'M ALREADY HALFWAY THERE.

I TOLD YOU.

KILLING YOU IS EASY.

...

WHAT?

...?!

Wp

WHAT THE...?

WHAT IS THIS THING COILING AROUND MY ARM?

I'LL SAY THIS ONE MORE TIME.

THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING, CODE.

HMPH!

SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

IF YOU REFUSE...

TAKE ME TO WHERE TEN TAILS IS.

...YOU CAN DIE HERE.

YOU, KILL ME?

VERY FUNNY, BORUTO.

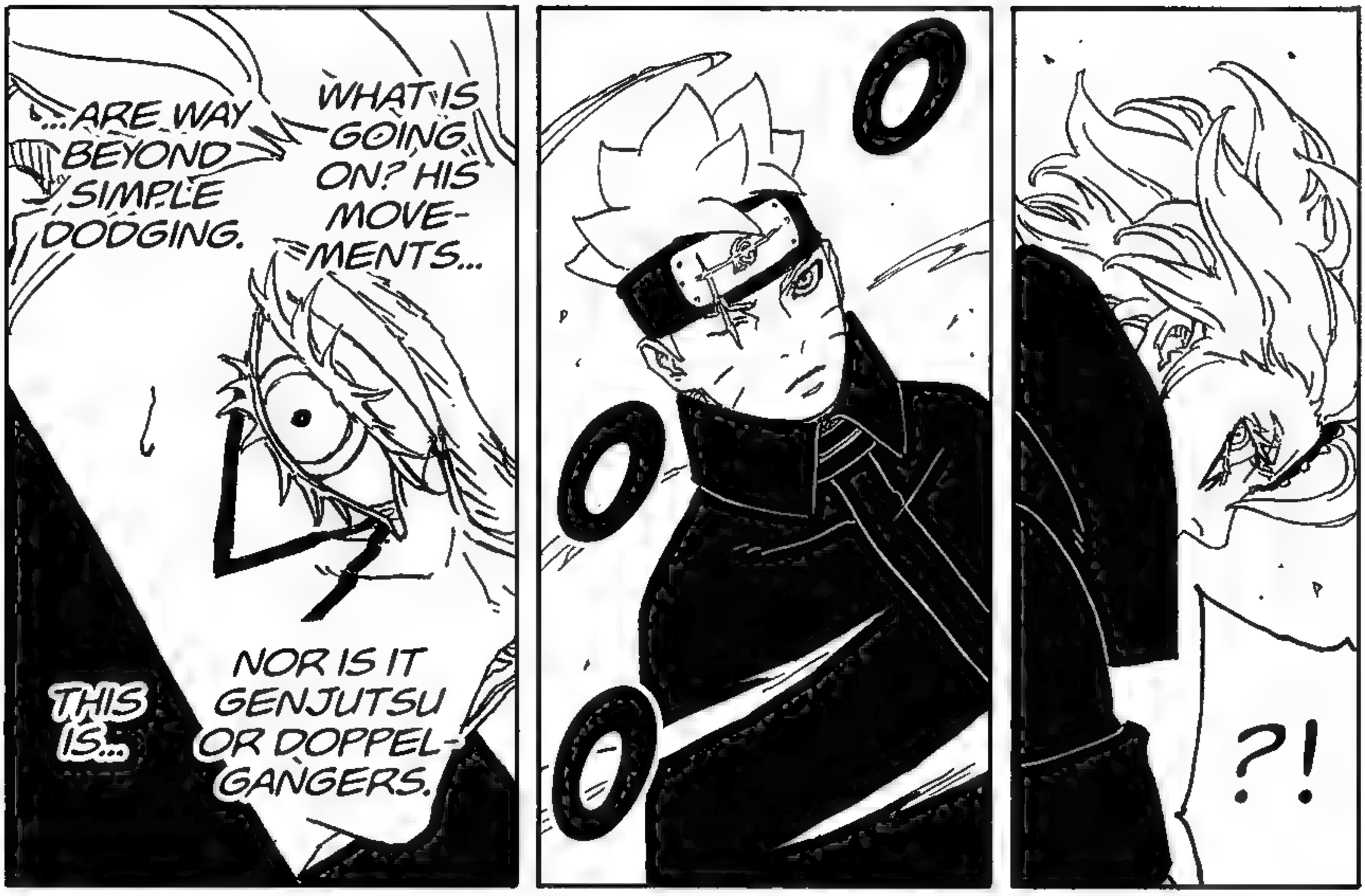
GO AHEAD AND TRY!!

SWISH

!

QUIT MOVING AROUND!

WHIP


...ARE WAY BEYOND SIMPLE DODGING.
WHAT IS GOING ON? HIS MOVE-MENTS...
THIS IS...
NOR IS IT GENJUTSU OR DOPPEL-GANGERS.
?!

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RASENGAN
...

...UZUHIKO.

GUH!

SLASH!

...

SO HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM A REGULAR RASENGAN?

...

WHAT A BASIC JUTSU.

HUH?

THAT'S IT?

SO BORUTO'S THE ONE...

HMM.

...MAKING THE GROUND TREMBLE.

OR RATHER, IT'S THE ENTIRE EARTH.

THIS ATTACK...

...MAKES USE OF PLANETARY SPIN.

...SPIN?

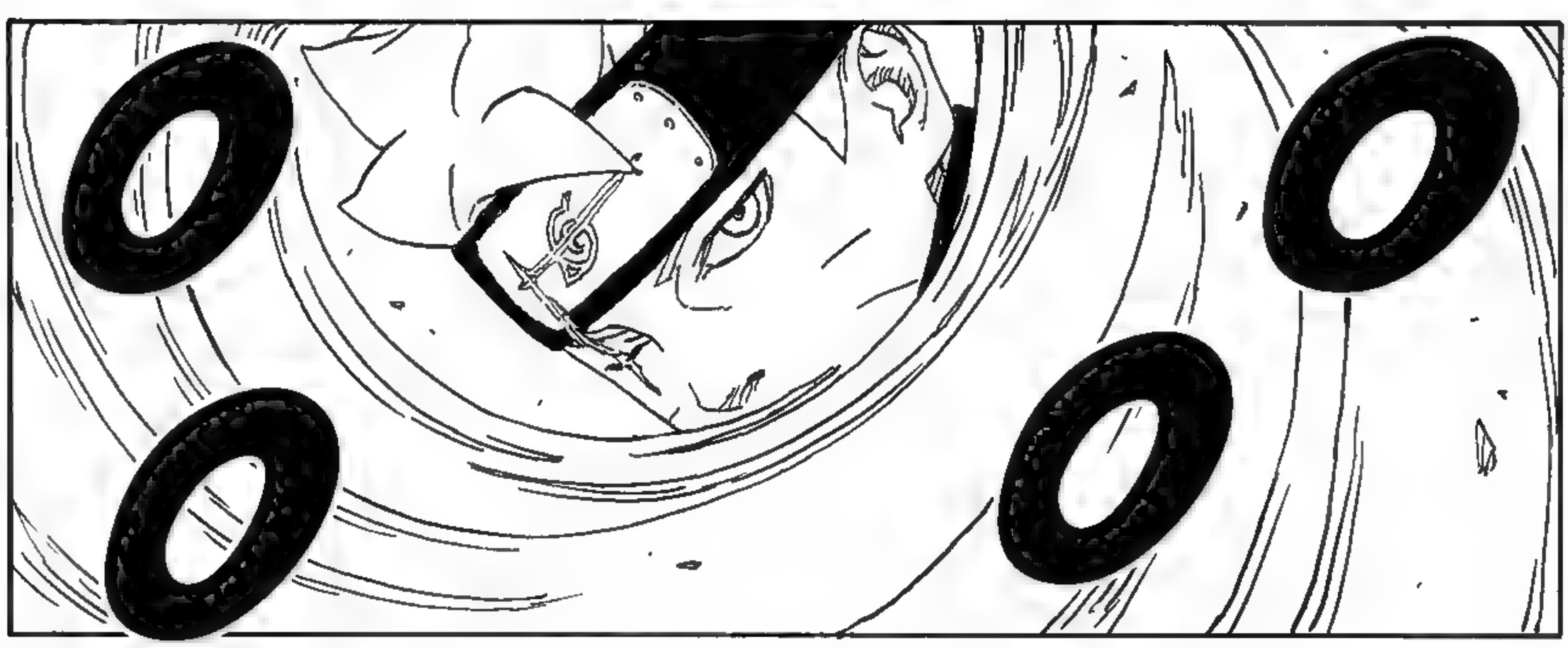
PLANETARY ...

NIFTY.

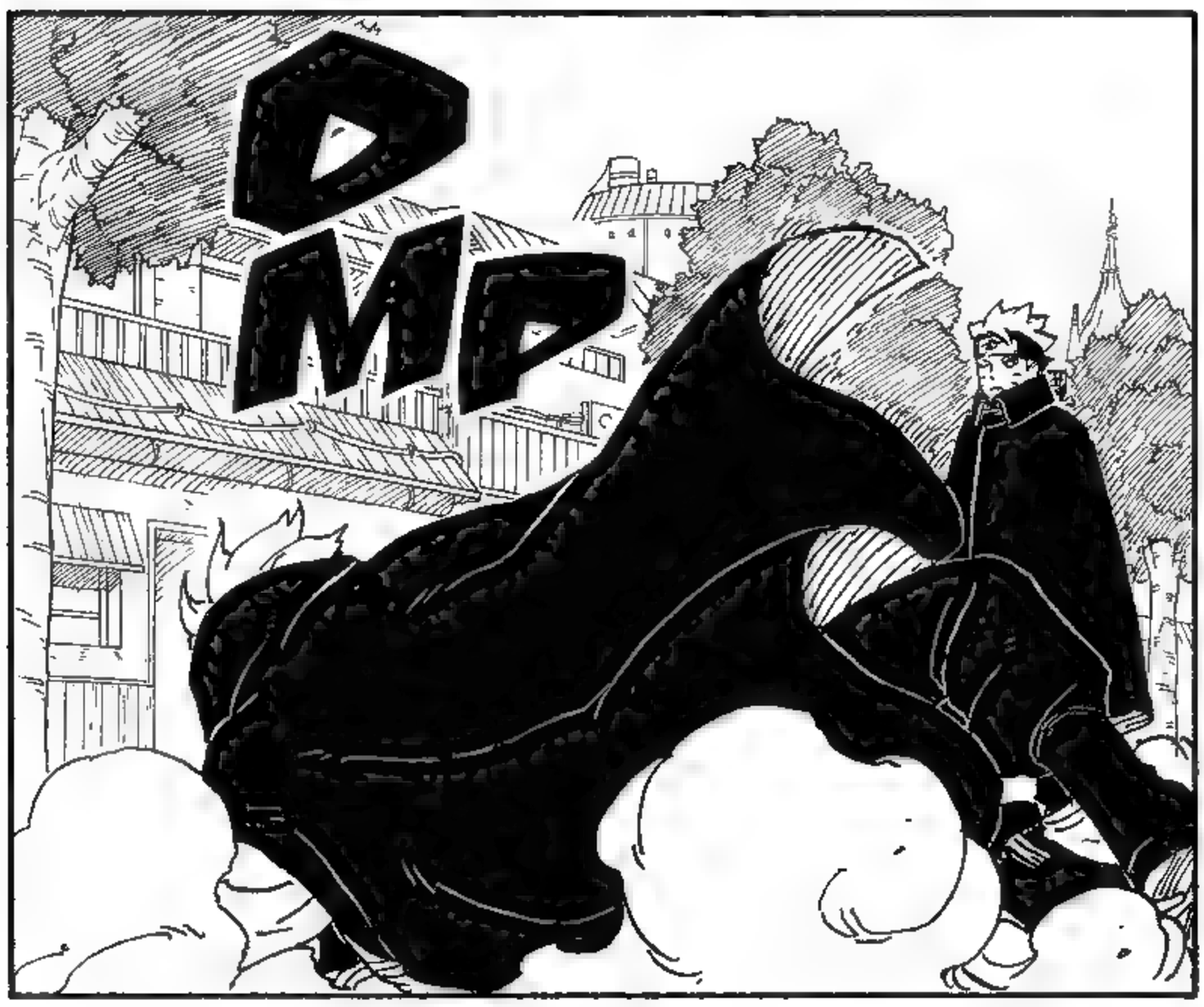
I SEE...

I'M SURPRISED.

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO STILL BE STANDING.



WHAT IS ALL THIS SPINNING?!!
WHAT THE--?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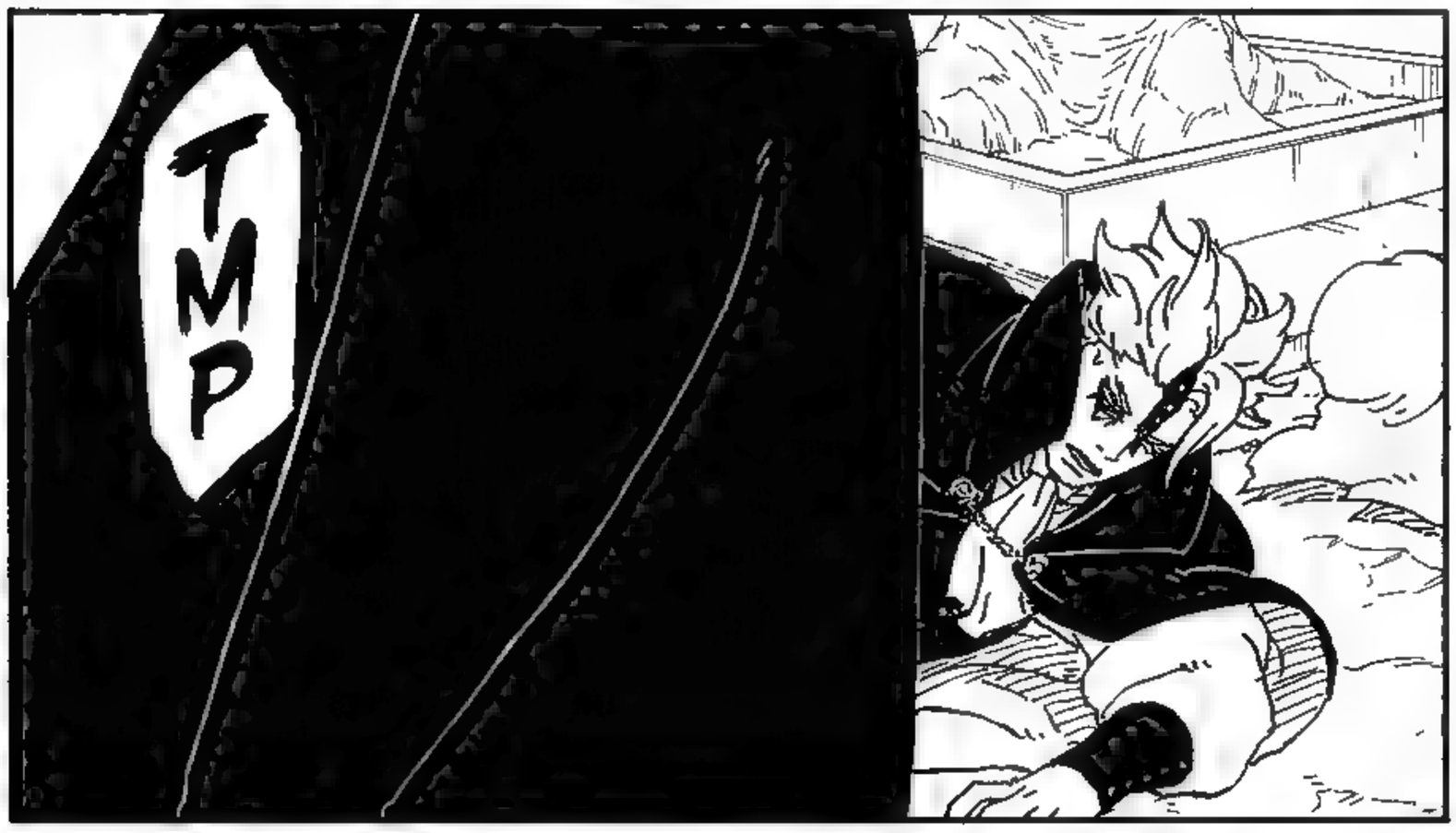
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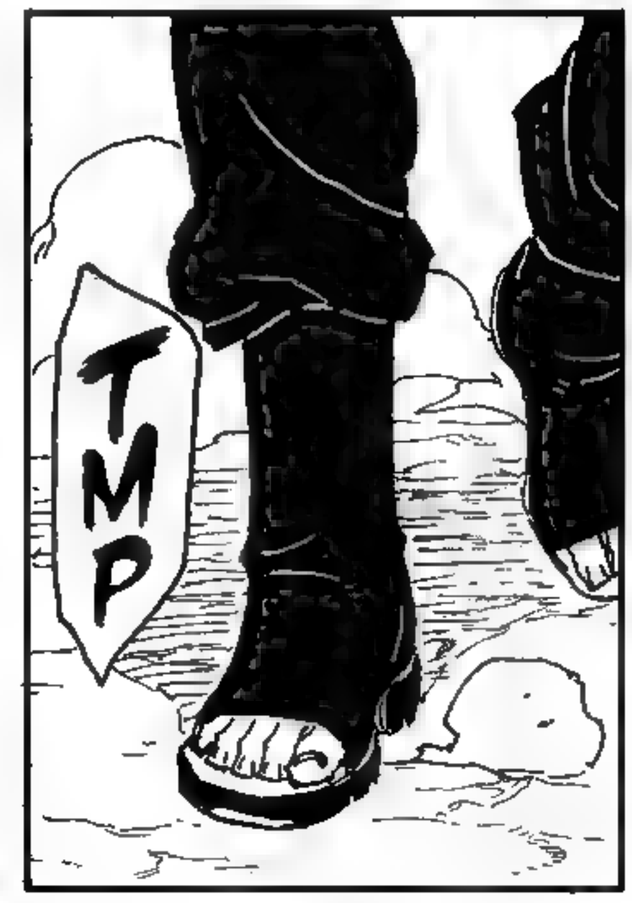
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ENJOY. THINK OF IT...

...THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO DESTROY.

...AS A BITING COUNTER-ATTACK FROM THIS PLANET...

WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?!

DAMMIT!

...THAT IS RUSHING THROUGH YOUR BODY RIGHT NOW WILL NEVER DISSIPATE.

THE POWER ...

A RASENGAN THAT INCOR-PORATES A PLANET'S CHAKRA--ITS ROTATION.

THAT'S WHAT UZUHIKO IS.

JUST LIKE HOW A PLANET WILL NEVER STOP SPINNING.

...

FROM THIS PLANET?

SEMI, BECAUSE YOUR LIFE WILL RUN OUT...

...BEFORE THE PLANET STOPS SPINNING.

THE DAMAGE WILL CONTINUE SEMI-PERMANENTLY.

...

ROTATION ...?!

DMP

UGH!

...

THD

YOU CHEEKY BASTARD--

SWOO

HOW-EVER...

...THERE IS THE OPTION OF ME RESCINDING UZUHIKO.

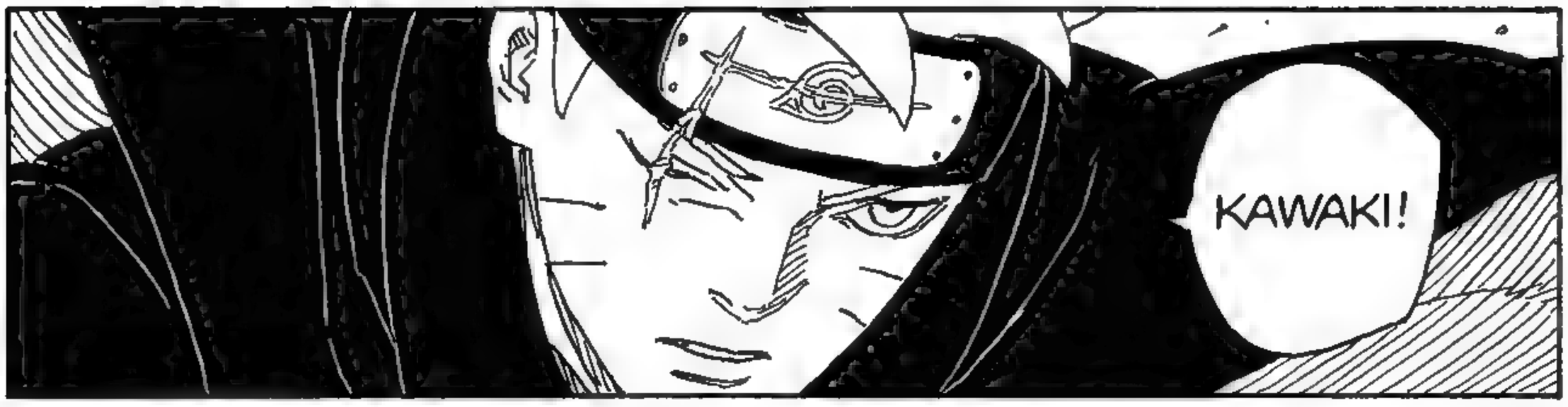
FSH

I THINK IT'S A CHOICE EVEN A FOOL CAN MAKE.

WOULD YOU RATHER QUIETLY AWAIT DEATH...

...OR GIVE ME TEN TAILS AND LIVE?

TAK
TAK


KAWAKI!

TAK TAK

HIMA!

BORUTO
!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE IN KONOHA, BORUTO?!

AND WHAT WERE YOU DISCUSSING WITH CODE?

I'M TRYING TO MAKE A DEAL.

DO YOU MIND NOT INTERFER-ING?

SSH

BLIP

WOOSH

...

I ALSO JUST DEALT WITH HIS LAST CLAW MARKS AND CUT OFF HIS RETREAT.

I CAN PROBABLY KILL HIM.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED...

...BUT CODE'S PRETTY DRAINED.

REPORT IN, KAWAKI.

WHAT'S THE SITUA-TION?

KAWAKI.

MOVE AWAY FROM CODE.

DON'T PROVOKE HIM!

GOOD. IT'S A GOLDEN OPPORTU-NITY.

MAKE SURE TO FINISH HIM OFF.

IF YOU SHOWED YOURSELF HERE...

WHO ARE YOU TO ORDER ME AROUND?

GWOO

...YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO DIE...

...BORUTO!

BOOM

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT IS IT?

!!

USING ONE OF HIS CLAW GRIMES!

CODE'S...

...ESCAPED!

BAS-TARD!

YESSIR!

LISTEN, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE HE'S JUST TURNED TAIL AND RUN OFF.

DAMMIT!

BIG BRO!

SHIKA-DAI.

YOU ALL GO ON AHEAD.

ANNIHILATE THE REST OF THE CLAW GRIMES ASAP!

I GOT BUSINESS WITH THIS ONE.

A TREE!

HE'S TURNED INTO A TREE!

WHAT THE HECK...

SO YOU'RE SAYING...

...

...THIS IS A DEFECTIVE DIVINE TREE BECAUSE IT DEVOURED THE WRONG THING?

MAYBE DEVOURING ***BEINGS*** IS INSTINCTUAL.

TEN TAILS IS A CREATURE THAT BECOMES A DIVINE TREE...

...UPON DEVOURING AN OHTSUTSUKI.

HE ISN'T DEAD!

HE'S STILL ALIVE!!

I DON'T KNOW.

BUT ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN.

YOU AN UCHIHA ADOPTEE NOW?

IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS, EH...?

WHAT'S WITH YOUR OUTFIT?

YOUR SMACK TALK SURE HASN'T CHANGED.

BUT I'M GLAD TO SEE HIMAWARI LOOKING WELL.

TMP

DYING IN KONOHA DOESN'T SOUND BAD...

...BUT NOT TODAY.

TMP

IF YOU'VE COME TO DIE AT HOME, I'LL HELP YOU...

WHY'RE YOU HERE?

...RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.

...

RSTL

RSTL

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN ANY-ONE'S WAY, BORUTO.

TMP

DON'T YOU THINK?

HM?

BUTT OUT OF THIS, KAWAKI.

YOU'RE IN MY WAY.

INFIL-
TRATION
ACCOM-
PLISHED,
BORUTO.

CODE'S
RETURNED
TO BASE.

WOOOO

ANY
SIGN
OF TEN
TAILS?

HOLD
ON...

NOT
YET.

DAMMIT!

HUFF

BORUTO, YOU BASTARD.

HUFF

HUFF

STARE

RSTL

TEN TAILS IS THERE.

CON-FIRMED.

GOOD.

FISH

4: The Awakening

...

HMPH.

HOW COULD THEY BE SUCH A THREAT...

...WHEN THEIR ONLY ABILITY IS TO DEVOUR?

YOU NEED TO SCRAP THEM WHILE YOU STILL HOLD THEIR REINS.

OR ELSE, WE'LL END UP...

...IN THE WORST POSSIBLE FUTURE FOR EVERYONE.

BUT THESE ONES ARE DIFFERENT.

THANKS TO YOU ENHANCING THEM.

COULD YOU BE QUIET FOR A SECOND?

I'M NOT AS DEFT AT THIS AS GRANDPA.

HURRY, BORUTO.

THERE'S NO TIME TO SPARE.

BLINK

GOTCHA!

...IS HE TALKING TO?

WHO THE HECK...

FLYING RAIJIN JUTSU!

?!

SHF

HOW'D ...

...YOU...

BORUTO!

HEY...

WHERE'S TEN TAILS?

?!

HOW CAN THIS BE?

...

I SWEAR, IT WAS JUST DOWN THERE.

SPRONG

IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY CODE MOVED THE BEAST.

HE MADE NO SUSPICIOUS MOVE-MENTS...

NOR DOES HE CURRENTLY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO SO.

TMP

?!

WHAT'S THIS TOAD...

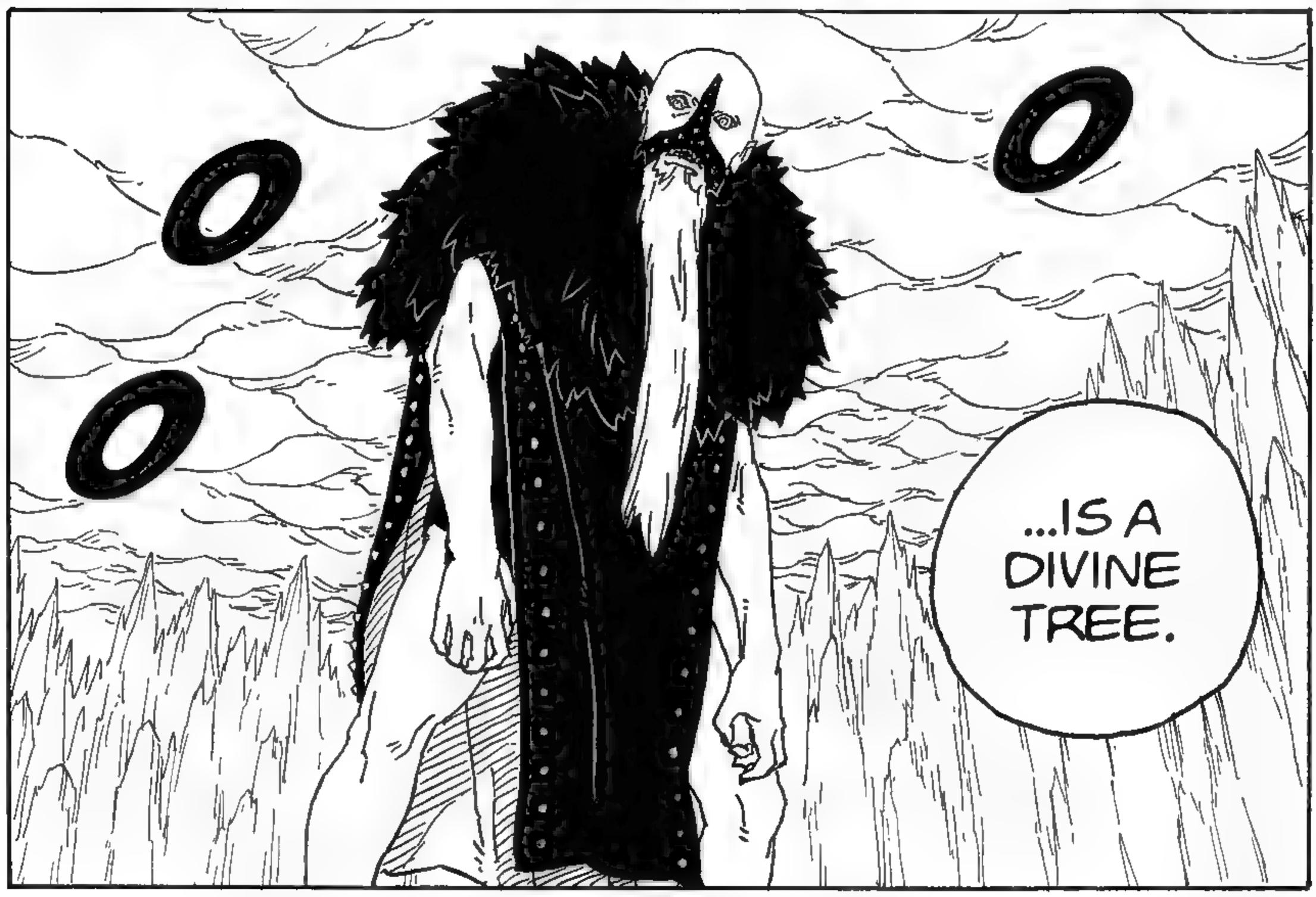
DAM-
MIT.

IT'S
TOO
LATE.

BUG?

...

CUZ THAT AIN'T BUG.
... CREATURE IN FRONT OF US...
THAT ...
BY "BUG," ARE YOU REFERRING TO THAT GUY...
...WHO'S BECOME A TREE BEHIND US?


...IS A DIVINE TREE.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WHAT?
...
P

BAM

WHAM

ZSH

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G-G-G-

FWP.
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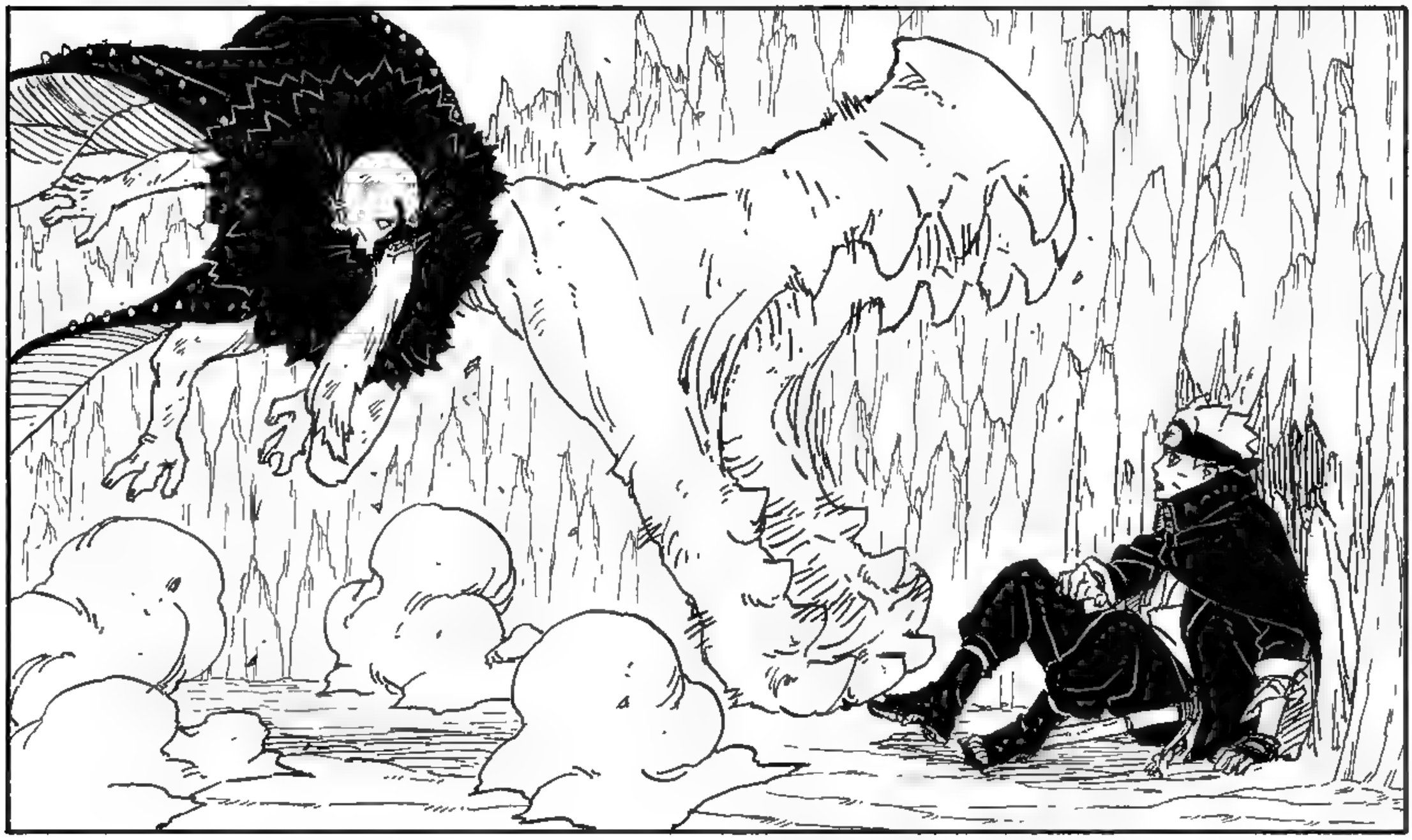
...TO OFFER UP YOUR-SELF TO BE DEVOURED...
HAVE YOU COME...
...OHTSU-TSUKI...
... BORUTO ?

BORUTO

GGOO



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TRICKY LITTLE JUTSU.

...NOW!

TELL ME...

UGH...

THD

UGH!

WHAT'S ...

...UP WITH THIS THING?

GRP

!

...

I'VE RE-SCINDED THE UZUHIKO. GET UP...

...AND PREPARE FOR ENEMY ATTACK.

...IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE.

THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN RIGHT NOW. HELP ME...

YOU SAY IT'S RELATED TO BUG GETTING DEVOURED AND BE-COMING A TREE?

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO TEN TAILS?

...

...INVOLVES OTHERS TOO.

NOT JUST BUG. THIS...

EVERYONE WHO'S BEEN TURNED INTO A TREE.

CHAKRA.

ALL LIFE ON A PLANET.

BOTH CURRENT AS WELL AS PAST AND LONG DEAD.

AT LEAST, THAT WAS...

...OUR *ORIGINAL* DRIVING INSTINCT.

...OF ALL LIVING THINGS...

...AND FORM A CHAKRA FRUIT.

WE DIVINE TREES EXIST TO SUCK THE CHAKRA OUT...

BUT CODE...

...

...THANKS TO YOU AWAKENING ***SELF-AWARE-NESS***...

...WE APPEAR TO HAVE EVOLVED A BIT...

...IN US.

POOR CODE.

IT SEEMS TO BE YOUR INESCAPABLE FATE...

TK

...WHO ENDS UP BEING USED BY SOMEONE ELSE.

...TO BE A CLOWN...

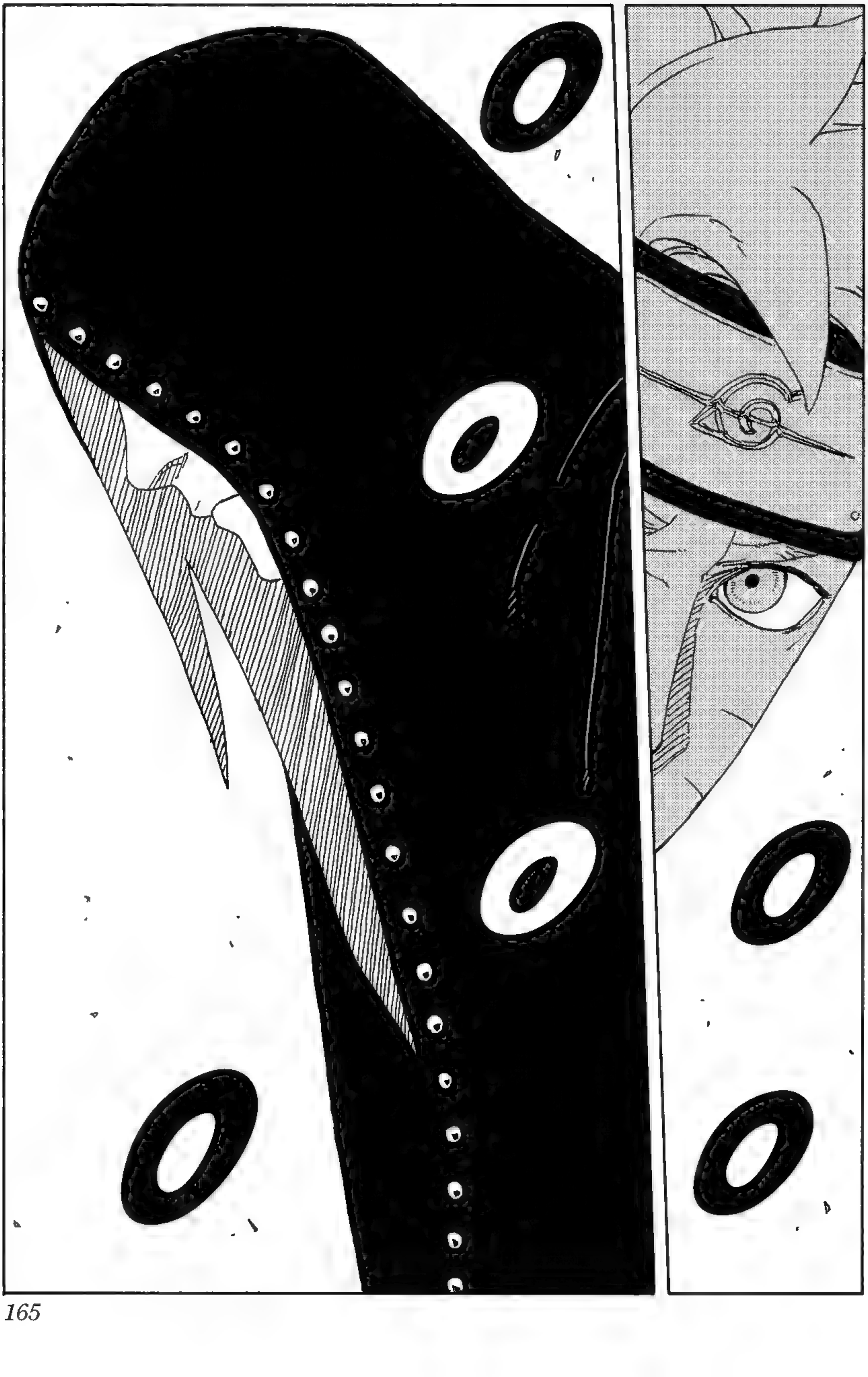
IT'S ALMOST LAUGH-ABLE.

...

THIS IS A BAD SITUATION ...

TIME TO RE-TREAT, BORUTO.

TO REGAIN OUR FOOT-ING.



...BUT BORUTO VANISHED AFTER CODE FLED...

...AS IF HE WERE CHASING HIM.

I HAVE NO CLUE HOW HE DID IT...

HE SUDDENLY VANISHED SOME-WHERE?

...BORUTO CAME TO KONOHA TODAY?

SO YOU'RE SAYING CODE WAS THE ONLY REASON...

DOES THIS MEAN HE'S MASTERED SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU?

THE CONTENT OF ALL SENSORY-UNIT MIND TRANSMIS-SIONS ARE BEING MONITORED.

I'D KNOW RIGHT AWAY IF ANYONE WAS BEING A SPY AND HELPING BORUTO.

THERE'S ALSO A CHANCE THAT BORUTO AND CODE ARE LINKED.

BEFORE HE DISAP-PEARED, BORUTO...

...SEEMED TO BE TALKING TO SOMEONE.

IT BETTER NOT BE SOMEONE IN THE SENSORY UNIT.

CODE ATTACKED KONOHA...

...AND BORUTO DROVE HIM AWAY.

PLEASE ASK EIDA TO CONFIRM IT.

THAT WAS OBVIOUS FROM THEIR CONVO.

HOW RIDICU-LOUS.

IT'S A LOT SIMPLER THAN THAT.

THAT'S REAL RICH COMING FROM YOU...

...ANOTHER OHTSU-TSUKI.

BORUTO'S AN OHTSU-TSUKI.

NO MATTER HIS MOTIVES...

...HE'S AN ENEMY THAT NEEDS TO BE KILLED, JUST FOR BEING OHTSUTSUKI.

YOU JUST DON'T GET IT...

...SARADA.

I'M AN OHTSUTSUKI-KILLING OHTSUTSUKI.

MY POWERS...

...ONLY EXIST TO KILL OTHER OHTSUTSUKI.

SHUP

DO I REALLY HAVE TO SAY THIS AGAIN?

AS A SHINOBI WHO AIMS...

...TO BECOME HOKAGE.

AND I'LL REPEAT MYSELF. I WON'T...

...LET YOU HAVE YOUR WAY IN KONOHA.

ONCE THAT'S DONE, I'LL BE HAPPY TO OFF MYSELF.

UNTIL THEN, I'LL DO WHAT-EVER IT TAKES.

GOT THAT?

BOTH OF YOU, THAT'S ENOUGH.

...TO PISS OFF THE *CURRENT* HOKAGE.

UNLESS YOU WANT...

SO WHAT'S UP WITH THESE TREES MENTIONED IN THE DAMAGE REPORT...

...INVOLVING THE CLAW GRIMES?

ARE THEY TRYING TO CREATE A FOREST?

...IS THAT BORUTO...

...KNOWS SOMETHING.

BASED ON WHAT I OVERHEARD, MY IMPRESSION...

I'M NOT SURE, BUT AT THE VERY LEAST...

...THE ENTRAPPED VICTIMS ARE STILL ALIVE.

THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO SAVE THEM!

...

AND THAT'S WHY HE'S...

... CHASING AFTER CODE?

SO SINCE CODE IS A THREAT TO KONOHA, WE SHOULD...

...CONSIDER COLLABO-RATING WITH BORUTO TO TAKE CODE DOWN.

REGARD-LESS OF BORUTO'S TRUE MOTIVES...

...THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT HE AND CODE HAVE A HOSTILE RELATION-SHIP.

...

YOU ARE SELF-AWARE...

...DIVINE TREES?

!

OUR SURPRISE ATTACK FAILED!

YOU NEED TO LEAVE ***NOW!***

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, BORUTO ?!

FSH

WHP

AHG
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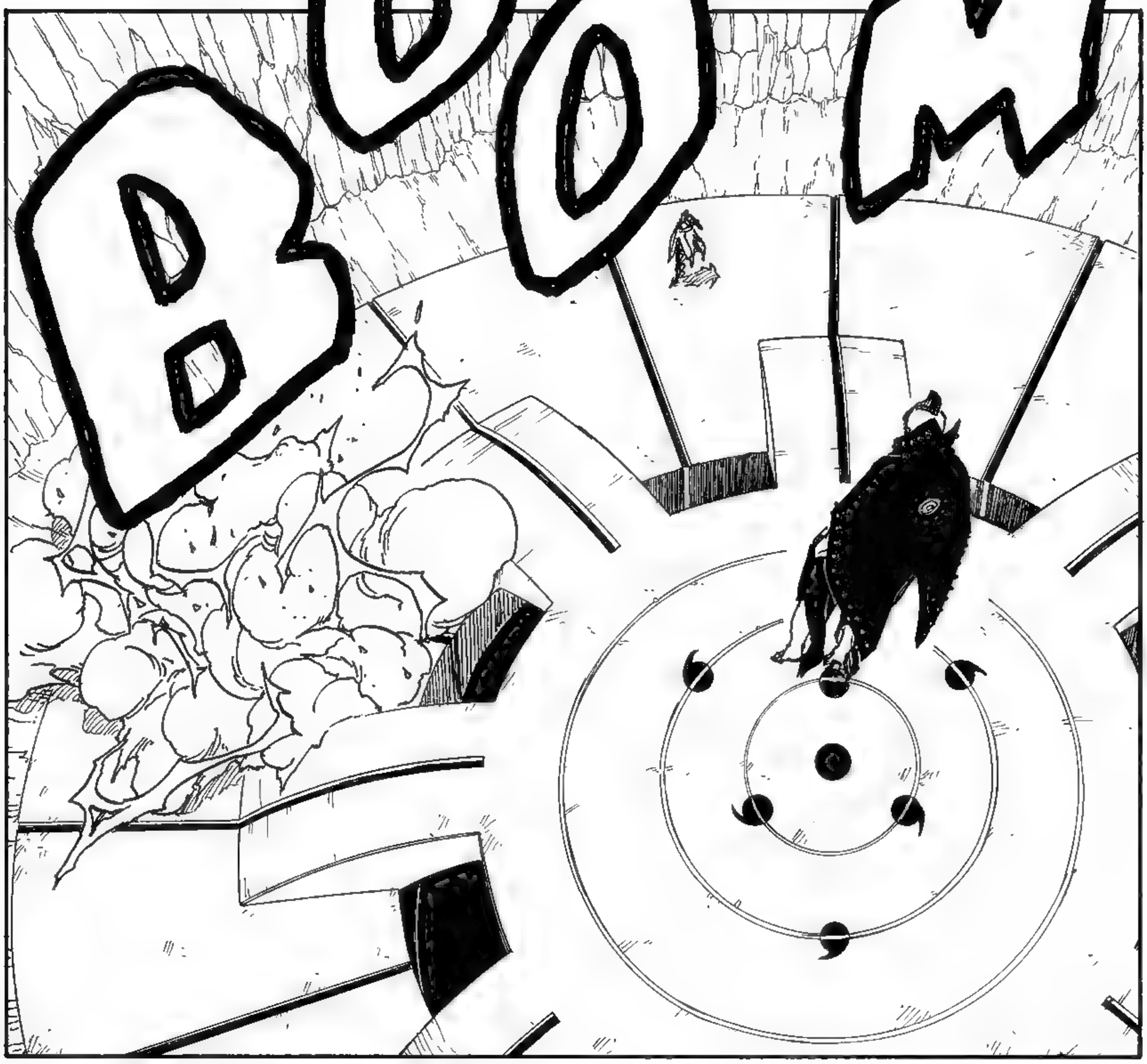
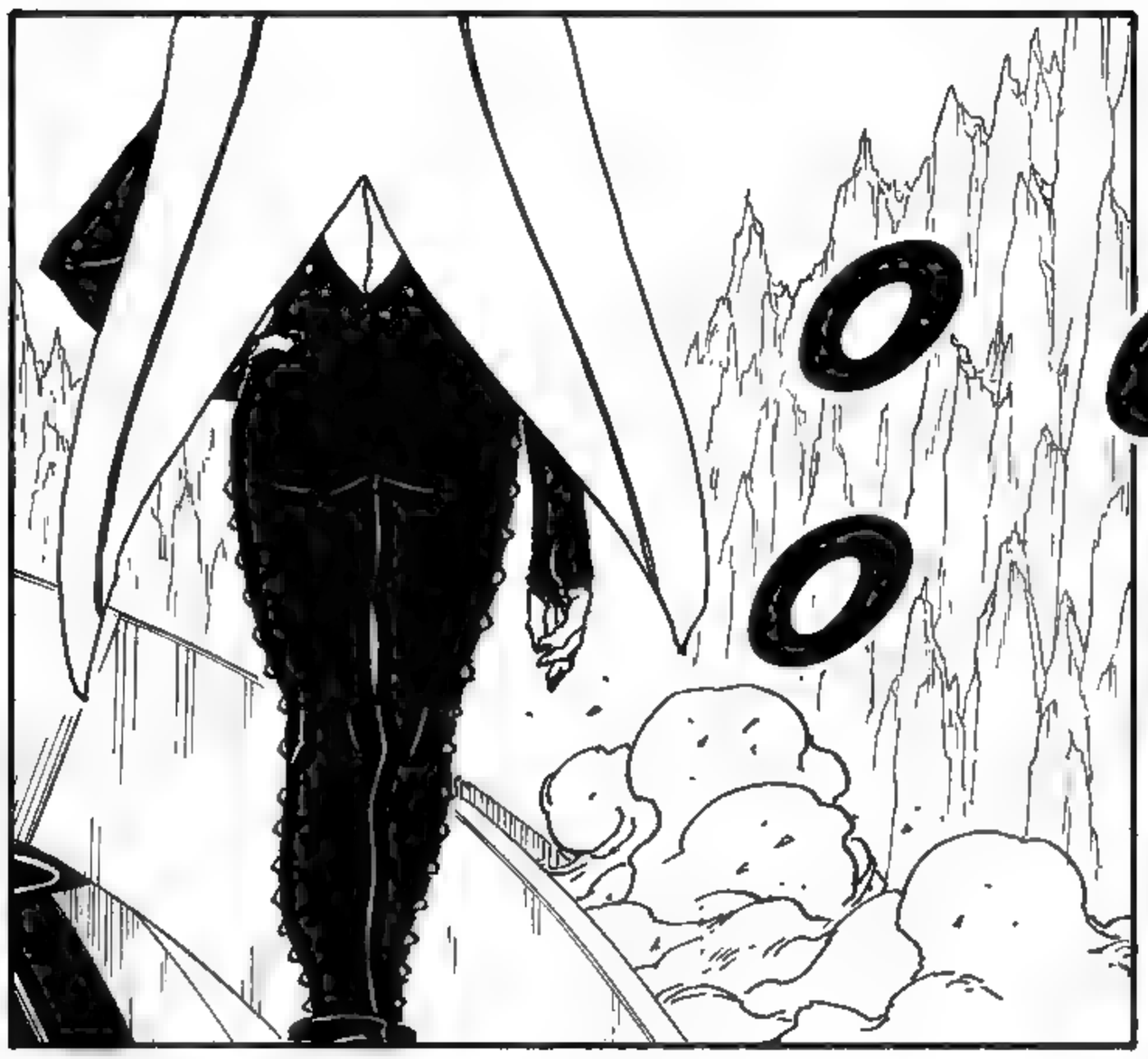
WHEEEN

BOOM





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BO-
RU-
TO!!

GAH
!!

TK

TK

SEEMS LIKE THEY'LL DEVOUR YOU...

...TO BECOME A FULL DIVINE TREE, WITHOUT ME DOING ANYTHING.

...ON THEIR OWN...

CODE, LEND A HAND!!

YOU'RE GONNA BE KILLED TOO!!!

YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!

ENOUGH, BORUTO!

REMEMBER, IF YOU DIE, IT'LL ALL BE FOR NAUGHT!!

CODE !!!

DAMMIT !

IT'S AN UN-FORESEEN DEVELOP-MENT, BUT...

ZWW...

I FEEL LIKE A LOAD IS OFF MY SHOULDERS.

...IT WORKS FOR ME. HEH HEH...

GAH!

...OVER-FLOWING CURIOSITY AND THIRST FOR KNOWL-EDGE...

OUR SELF-AWARENESS HAVING JUST AWAKENED...

...ARE STILL...

...SURPASS-ING OUR INSTINCTUAL DRIVE TO DEVOUR YOU.

YOU WERE LUCKY...

...OHTSU-TSUKI BORUTO.

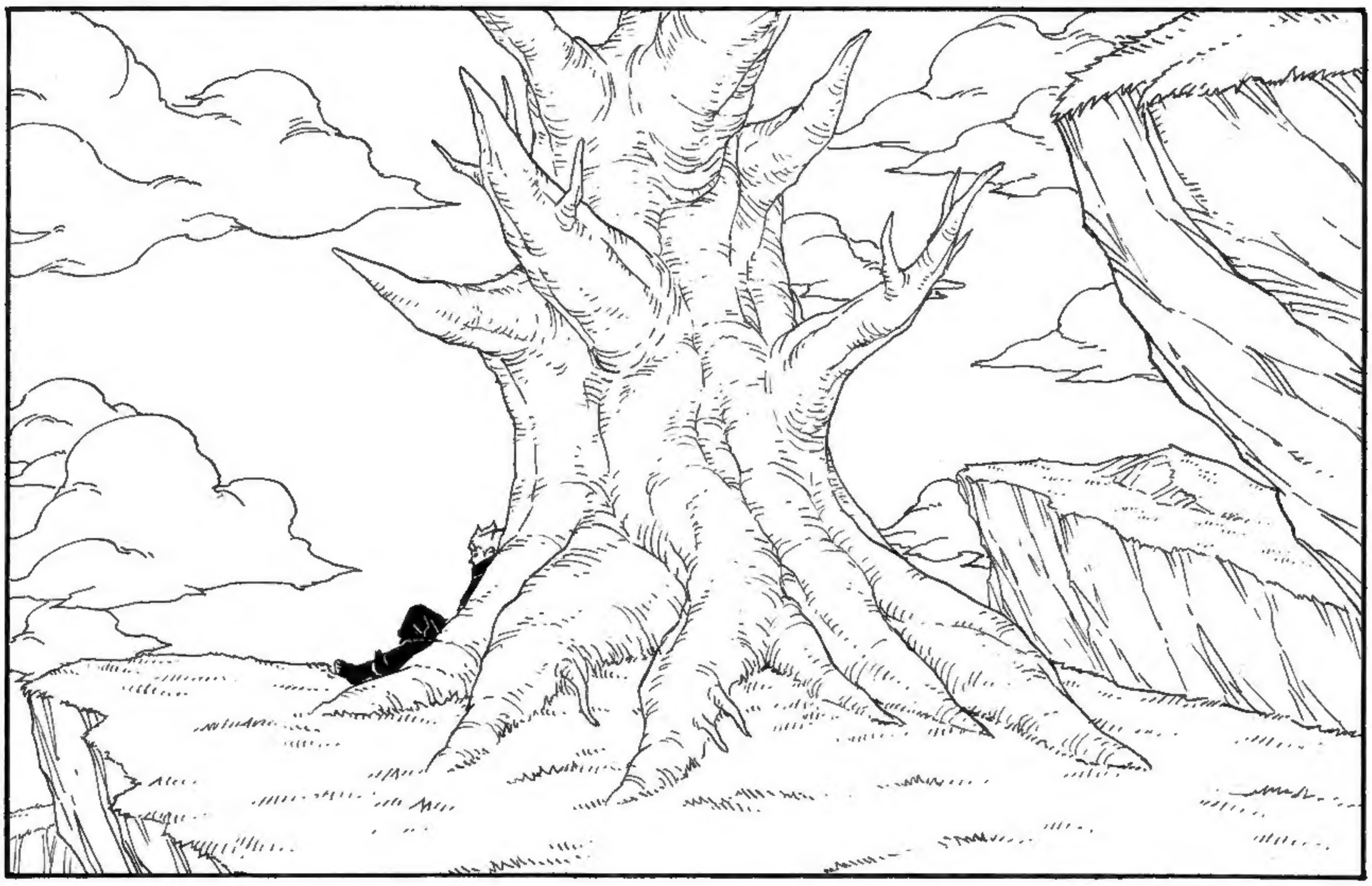
...KNOW THAT YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE...

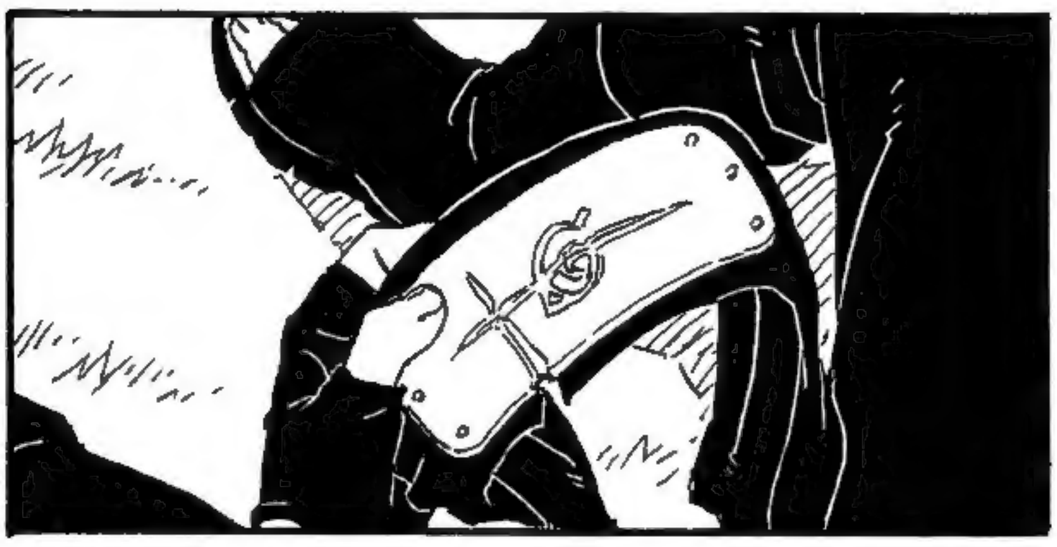
...YOUR DESTINY.

VWOOOO

SO RUN WHERE YOU WILL, BUT...

...NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO...





I PANICKED.
SORRY.

ARE YOU TRYING TO DESTROY THIS PLANET?
SHUP
DON'T EVER BE THAT RASH AGAIN.

AND IT DOESN'T REALLY CHANGE ANYTHING.

I'M NOT TRYING TO CONSOLE YOU...

...BUT YOU KNEW THERE WAS A HIGH CHANCE OF THIS HAPPENING.

WE STILL MUST FIGHT.

SORRY...

YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT A BIT LONGER...

...

...SASUKE.